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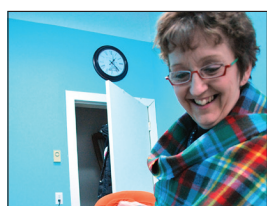
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## Happy New Year

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## United they skate

Many families took advantage of the free public skating at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Dec. 30. More photos on pages 12 and 13.

Chad Ingram Times staff

# Society loses drivers over rate reduction

Chad Ingram  
 Staff reporter

The cancer society is in desperate need of volunteers to drive cancer patients from the Highlands to their treatments.

The number of volunteer drivers has dropped recently, due largely to a reduction in the amount of money the society pays for mileage.

"I had two [quit]," said Elaine Anderson, the society's ride convener for the Minden area. "But two's quite a bit."

Anderson, who has been a ride convener

for the past 11 years, said in the past she's had between seven and 10 volunteers to transport cancer patients from her area, which includes Minden and regions north to Halls Lake, south to Norland and east to Kinmount, to their appointments.

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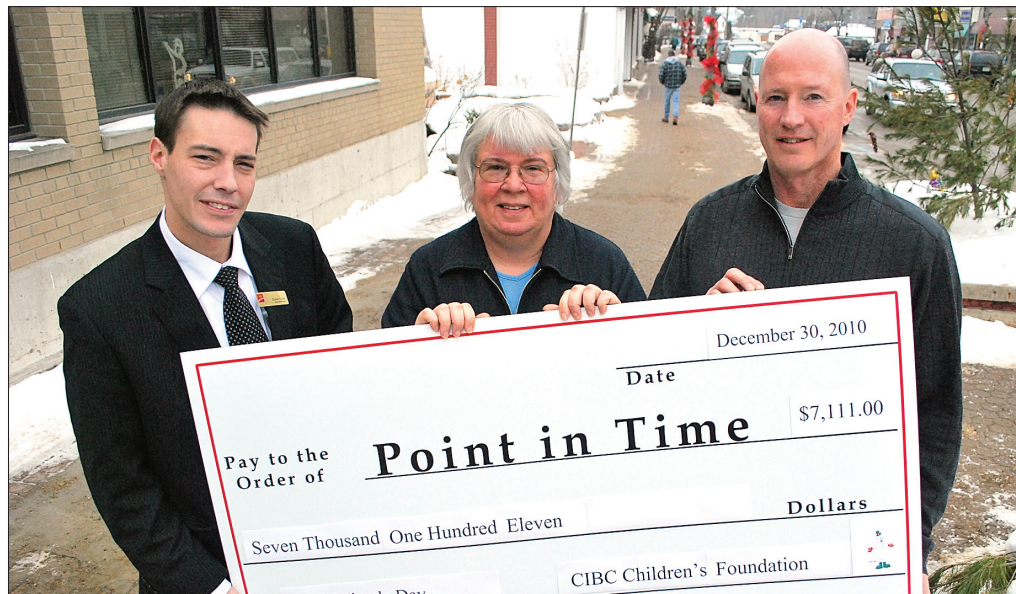
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### CIBC donates more than \$7,000 to Point in Time

CIBC, through its CIBC Children's Foundation, donated more than \$7,000 to the Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents last week. The foundation distributes funds raised through the bank's Miracle Day.

Pictured are Minden branch manager Shawn Currie, left, Point in Time executive director Marg Cox and Bryan Baker, first vice-president, branch manager and investment advisor for CIBC Wood Gundy, who was representing the foundation. Cox said the money would towards programs such as Point in Time's summer day camp and after-school recreation programs in Minden, Wilberforce and Cardiff.

Chad Ingram Times staff

## ATVs stolen from Hydro One Minden

Two ATVs and an Argo were stolen from the Hydro One office on Highway 35 in Minden over the holidays.

Sometime between Dec. 23 and 28, thieves forced their way into the secure area of the property mak-

ing off with two blue Suzuki 750cc ATVs (licence numbers 64VL0 and 64VL1) and an eight-wheel green Argo (licence number 21SS1).

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the OPP Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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*Travellers handbook helps with ideas*

**Bessie's Books**  
and other things  
Bessie Sullivan  
County Librarian

Are you travelling this winter? Or are you an arm-chair traveller that likes simply to read about far-off places? Either way, *Book East To Go*, a handbook written by librarian Nancy Pank, is sure to help you find a book that captures the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of whatever destination you have in mind.

In *Book East To Go*, Pank has provided numerous fiction and non-fiction book suggestions for over 120 countries and regions around the world, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

Heading down to Mexico? Pank suggests Christopher McDougall's *Born to Run* and Barbara Kingsolver's *The Lacuna*. Dreaming of a warm holiday? Try reading Colleen McCullough's *Masters of Rome* series including the titles *The Grass Crown* and *The Golden Horse*.

Whenever your part of call, *Book East To Go* will provide you with some great ideas for vacation reading.

If you are in the midst of planning a vacation, the library

**Lucky Dog released**

**Fur harvesters gather**  
Join area fur harvesters at their annual event at the Minden arena on Sunday, Jan. 9. Watch skinning demonstrations and visit the vendors. The event starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. upstairs at the arena.

McKeeks The Blue Line services you to join them on Saturday, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. as they host local music legend Carl Dixon for the CD release party of his latest album, *Early Dog*. There'll be live music from the CD along with special open-

ing act, "The Lower Primaries." Starring local performers Jocelyn Rogers and Brittany Robinson, who also both appear the CD release party of his latest album, *Early Dog*.

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**Free in your mailbox on Thursday...**

**This week's Weekender:**

- Carl Dixon launches new CD at McKeeks
- Fur harvesters gather on Jan. 9 in Minden
- New handbook published for travellers
- The Year of the Rabbit – East meets West horoscopes
- Cards scores, bowling scores

Plus Sudoku, crossword, classifieds and coming events.

# Actors with historic style needed for documentary

➤ The research is done and the filming of the *The Land Between* is to begin

The *Land Between* is what ecologists call an ecotone, a large transition zone which lies between the Canadian Shield and the St. Lawrence Lowlands stretching 240 kilometres across south-central Ontario from Georgian Bay to Kingston.

Since May of last year, the Living History Multimedia Association has been compiling research, interviewing local history enthusiasts, and scripting re-enactments to bring the story of the *Land Between*'s past to life as part of its Ontario Visual Heritage Project.

The central component of this non-profit project will be a broadcast-ready documentary series featuring the natural and cultural history of *The Land Between*.

An interactive website, a course-guide for educators, an interactive DVD and Blu-Ray disc and a mobile companion for iPhones and Blackberrys will also be created to complete the multimedia toolkit.

Re-enactment production for the *Land Between* Project is about to get underway – and the film's producers are looking for local talent of all ages to cast in the roles of the area's most celebrated and notorious historical figures.

Chief Yellowhead, Governor Simcoe, Catharine Parr Traill and Mossom Boyd are a few of the colourful characters to be included in the film. For more information and to check out past projects please visit the project website at [www.visualheritage.ca/progress.html](http://www.visualheritage.ca/progress.html).

No experience is necessary and volunteers will receive a DVD copy of the completed project, as well as a complimentary membership in the Living History Multimedia Association.

Filming will take place on weekends beginning in February and will continue into July. All interested par-

ties should email the Ontario Visual Heritage Project's producer, Yvonne Drebert, at [yvonne@visualheritage.ca](mailto:yvonne@visualheritage.ca), for more information. Resumes and headshots are welcome but not required.

The Ontario Visual Heritage Project team in partnership with the Curve Lake First Nation, the Canadian Canoe Museum, Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation, Plenty Canada, the Kawartha Settlers Village, the Boyd Heritage Museum, the Tweed and Area Heritage Centre, Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and the Muskoka Heritage Foundation, have been hard at work since funding for the project from the Ontario Trillium Foundation was announced.

Commenting on the project's cooperative approach, project coordinator Zach Melnick notes that, "the project takes cues from the collaborative community theatre approach, we employ a community-focused production model to create a work that is as inclusive as possible.

"Volunteer guidance and acting both add value to the Ontario Visual Heritage Project and promote an active interest in local history.

"The experience and exposure that actors gain from the professional atmosphere on set and the broadcast quality product make the experience worthwhile for everyone involved."

In the fall of 2011, a launch event will be held to celebrate the completion of the project, the history of *The Land Between*, and the distribution of the tool kits to every school, library, and museum in the district free of charge.

To gain a better understanding of the project and to view projects completed to date, please visit our website at [www.visualheritage.ca](http://www.visualheritage.ca).

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Hay wagon rides were a hit with young and old as long as you had a cup of hot chocolate to keep you warm.



Torch bearers Drew and Nate watch the flames carefully.

# Minden rings in new year

The S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena was full of families New Year's Eve as they enjoyed skating to the great music and disco lighting during the holiday skate. The unseasonably wet and warm weather did put a damper on the outdoor skating and tobogganing, but the drizzle didn't stop people from enjoying the hay wagon rides. Later on in the evening, the Minden Hills Marching Band led the torch parade from downtown to the arena where the Christmas tree bonfire lit up with a whoosh.

Photos by Sian Cox



Party-goers enjoy the festivities while they ring in 2011.



Above and below, skaters enjoy the music and disco lighting at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.





# Quirky is as Kwarky does

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Kim Wark got a desk for her eighth birthday and it changed her life forever.

Wark is the mastermind behind the Kwarky cartoons that have been appearing in the Times since October and as she explained, it was that desk that set her on a creative path.

"I received a desk, swivel chair and journal for my birthday and that was it, I was hooked," Wark said. "I thought, whatever I do in life, it's going to be at a desk."

Growing up in Brockville and Gananoque, Wark earned a degree in psychology and English before graduating from teachers' college at Queen's University.

Since then, she's worked in a number of fields.

"I've tried out a few careers including script supervising on film sets in Calgary and Toronto, video editing for Canadian TV news, youth counselling, teaching and freelance writing and cartooning," she explained. "My very first job was delivering newspapers, so I guess I've come full circle."

Her foray into cartooning came when she was working at a Keg Steakhouse in Banff, waitressing alongside an artist who was taking a year off from her job at a Toronto animation studio.

"We started talking and making fun of anything and everything and decided to pair my writing with her art," Wark said. "It was perfect for a while, until she returned to her Toronto job. I moved to Calgary and juggled a few creative jobs, one of which was cartooning for the weekly Banff paper."

Her cartoons have been published in a



Kim Wark's cartoon *Kwarky* appears in the Minden Times each week.

Submitted photos



number of Alberta newspapers and magazines.

Wark has never let her lack of formal art training intimidate her.

"Good writing sustains a cartoon," she said. "As long as the art has style, people will read your cartoon, my artist friends advised."

Wark draws on her educational background for her cartoon ideas, much like her hero, Gary Larson, drew on his biology degree for material for his *The Far Side* series.

"What I like to make fun of are the intricacies of language and the ironic habits we have as humans, especially compared to animals," she said. "I love animals. My hope is that not only will my cartoons make readers laugh, but cause them to think, too."

"Black is slimming, but it can't perform miracles," read the caption of a recent cartoon that showed a black-clad Santa Claus stuck in a chimney.

"Showing a little leg wasn't getting him anywhere," read another, which showed a dark-eyed man standing by a roadside holding the bottom portion of a human leg.

"Ideas are the easy part of cartooning for me," she said. "I have about 300 ideas I still need to draw. If I'm not stressing over the daily demands of teaching, I can usually think of a few ideas every day."

Now living in Newmarket, Wark works as a teacher and says finding the couple of hours it takes to actually draw the idea is

the toughest part of cartooning for her.

"Once it's drawn, I take it to work and check friends' reactions," she said, admitting that she is a terrible perfectionist. "Should I change this? Should I change that? Sometimes I draw two versions and ask friends to pick the better one."

Wark redesigned and renamed her cartoon and the *Times* is the first publication that has picked up *Kwarky*.

Eventually, Wark would like to reduce her teaching to part-time so she can concentrate more on her cartoon and would like to break into the daily newspaper market.

Her boyfriend has a cottage in the Minden area, so Wark spends time up here in the summer.

"The lakes near Minden are so clean, warm and seaweed-free," she said. "It's been paradise to spend time there."

Wark would love to hear from readers about what they like and don't like.

She can be reached at [kwarky@rogers.com](mailto:kwarky@rogers.com).

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The Festival is also looking for assistance with all production work. Carpenters, painters, seamstresses & others are needed to help, as well as stage managers, assistant stage managers, stage hands & technicians.



# Drivers are a crucial service, cancer society says

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Now, she's down to four or five. "If somebody's away, that's three or four, and that's not enough," she said.

In November, the cancer society dropped the mileage it pays its volunteer drivers by 10 cents a kilometre, down to 25 cents.

As Anderson explained, the service is one that is completely free for patients.

"The cancer society absorbs it all," she said, adding it frustrates her when she hears some people say that the cancer society has lots of money.

While some organizations like Community Care pay drivers more at 40 cents a kilometre, Anderson stressed that in that case, the patient is paying 22 of the 40 cents.

They have no idea how much money the society is spending on transporting patients, she said.

In September of this year, 55 trips were made from the Minden area, for a total of more than 10,000 kilometres. In October, there were 71 trips for a total of more than 13,000 kilometres and in November, 40 trips were made at more than 6,000 kilometres.

Anderson has 21 trips booked already for January.

Volunteers drive patients to treatments in Toronto, Kingston, Newmarket, Peterborough and other cities.

"It's a day," Anderson said, explaining that one round trip takes many hours, since Haliburton County is such a long way from most treatment centres.

This time consumption is another barrier



**You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give.**

— Volunteer driver  
Rick Ratcliff

she faces in recruiting volunteers.

"It's a big commitment," she said, adding that for residents of bigger communities, volunteering can mean just a few hours since treatment facilities are close at hand.

Anderson, whose husband died 16 years ago of cancer and who has battled the disease herself, said friendships are often formed between patients and drivers.

"I think anyone that does it will benefit from it," she said. "They make wonderful, great friends."

Anderson has been able to recruit just one new volunteer since November.

On the other side of the county, Cynthia Goodison coordinates rides for patients from Haliburton Village to West Guilford to Gooderham to Apsley.

Like Anderson, she has seen her volunteer numbers drop recently to about seven and is in need of more drivers.

"It's not something I can predict every day," she said of the amount of trips from her area, but said it can range from about three to 12 or 13 on any given day. "It really does vary."

Goodison, who has been a convener for more than a year and a driver for four, said volunteers can typically expect to spend between 10 and 12 hours getting patients to and from their treatments.

She stressed that there is no requisite time commitment and that volunteers can help out whenever they have time.

"We realize it's hard on people's cars," she said, but, like Anderson, said there were greater rewards.

Rick Ratcliff has been a driver since 2004. The former Minden Hills councillor took

last year off due to his many commitments, but is returning to driving in 2011.

"You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give," Ratcliff said. "I feel you're accomplishing something."

Ratcliff himself is a prostate cancer patient and often shares his experiences with the people he drives and is there to lend an ear.

"Sometimes they don't want to talk to their families," he said. "It's a worthwhile experience, especially if you enjoy driving."

For more information or to volunteer in the Minden area, call Anderson at 286-2898 or in the Haliburton area call Goodison at 448-9176.

## Low snow keeps trails closed

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Haliburton County's snowmobile trails remain closed, but that should change soon, the president of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association hopes.

Scott Doan says the county needs another six inches of snow before the trails will open.

"With the weather we've been having, everything is closed," Doan said late last week.

The Haliburton County Rail Trail had been open to snowmobilers before last week's warm weather hit and the association has been out on the trails with its grooming equipment for some time.

"They're packed down and free of obstructions," Doan said. "We just need Mother Nature to cooperate."

There are still some problems with high water levels at the north end of the county.

Lakes remain closed and while some had acquired up to a foot of ice in places, many broke open again with last week's warm spell.

There must be a foot of ice at measuring points before the association will mark a lake with orange poles that indicate it is safe to sled on.

And even after the lakes are marked, Doan cautioned that it is never recommended to park on the ice.

"Pull onto the shore if you're going to have a cigarette or whatever," he said.

When the trails are closed, there is no insurance on them, Doan said, so their use is a crap shoot.

The association president also appealed to sledders to respect the landowners through whose properties some of the association's trails pass.

"They're key to our survival," he said. "To respect the landowners is a big thing."

There have already been complaints of snowmobilers speeding on the Rail Trail and Doan cautioned that the corridor is heavily monitored by the OPP, who are looking not just for speeders, but for drunk drivers as well.

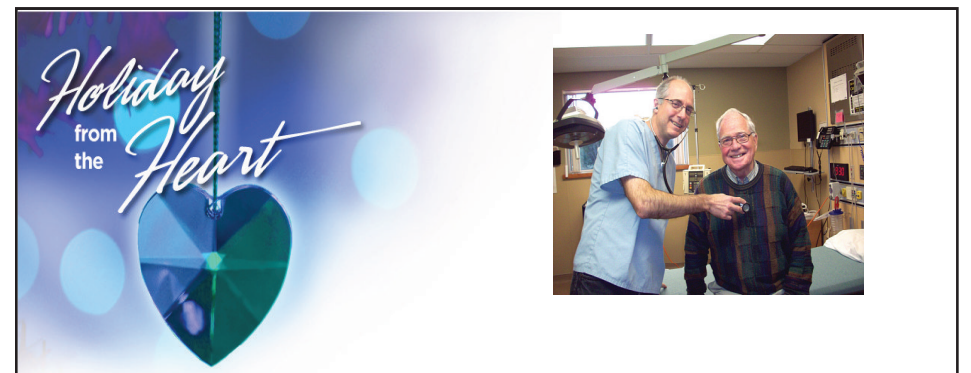
The association has its own STOP officers that check riders for permits.

Doan said so far this season, the association has sold about 2,300 permits, up slightly from the last few years.

"It's encouraging," he said.

The association operates more than 400 kilometres of trails in the county.

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# points of view

our editorial

## A better resolution

**S**O, HERE WE ARE, all Old Lang Syned out and into the first week of 2011.

No doubt that many people are trying diligently to keep up with whatever new year's resolutions they've made for themselves, resolutions that more than likely will go off the tracks faster than a celebrity marriage.

Now, I'm not saying new year's resolutions are stupid . . . no, wait, that is exactly what I'm saying.

And the reason is because they seldom work.

Yes, many people do it, promise themselves that starting Jan. 1 they are going to eat better, exercise more, quit smoking, be nicer to people, etc., etc., etc.

The walloping hangover that many of us will experience on New Year's Day doesn't help coming out of the gate, but most new year's resolutions that do manage to make it to Jan. 2 will likely fail within the next couple of months anyway.

The reason, in part, is that the whole tradition is such a tired, worn-out cliché that it is difficult to take seriously.

You know, like Jay Leno.

The bigger reason though, is that these plans for better behaviour are made en masse.

The group mentality by which resolutions are made also means it is easier to give them up en masse.

You know, if your neighbour is going to give up on her resolution, it makes it easier to give up on your own.

Want to make a resolution that has half a chance of coming to fruition? Start on a random day sometime after the resolution hype has died down.

Me, this year I'm going to stop biting my fingernails.

Beginning Feb. 7.

## Drivers needed

The cancer society is seeking volunteers to drive area cancer patients to their treatments.

This service is completely free for patients and does offer a mileage payment for drivers to cover their gas money.

Volunteers can give as much or as little time as they can afford to.

Please call Elaine Anderson at 286-2898 if you are interested.



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter

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## Kwarky



letters to the editor

## MPP's article sparks comments

To the Editor,

I read with considerable interest Mr. Rick Johnson's article in the *Times* entitled "2011 looking good for Ontario." At the beginning of his article he says "Working together with Ontarians, our government has been cutting taxes..."

Well! I was pleased to read that there have been tax cuts because I must have missed those announcements. I can recall several tax increases but I cannot recall any tax cuts.

Perhaps the government did indeed make cuts to some obscure taxes so that Mr. Johnson's statement would not be a falsehood but I really think he should have made some mention of tax increases because, after all, they increase provincial revenues. All we have to do is simply learn to live with them. It's hard to believe, but absolutely true, that income taxes were introduced as a temporary tax in 1919!

There are downsides to tax increases, of course, but they are often ignored. As just one example, the additional eight-per-cent tax on home heating oil must be making life even more difficult for those people struggling to keep their homes warm. An acknowledgement such as this should have followed the sentence "...our government has been cutting taxes..."

Would that not have been fairer to us readers who tend to believe what we read? Would that not have been more honest on the government's part? And will any MPP feel even a twinge of guilt about making life more difficult for lower-income people?

I was also pleased to read that the government's "strategic investments in the auto industry" resulted in the "recall of 1,300 workers last spring." How naïve I am! I thought General Motors management played a significant role in the restructuring of the company but perhaps not. It sounds like the government saved the company...with our money.

Mr. Johnson's article certainly sounds encouraging, especially when he says "Ontario is moving closer to economic recovery." Perhaps this will ease our resentment of the HST, a tax that cost the premier of British Columbia his job. Perhaps it will help us to not notice that Mr. Johnson's political party is slipping in popularity. Perhaps, in the time between now and the fall election, voters will not remember the "bad stuff" and only remember the "good stuff" described by Mr. Johnson. We'll have to wait and see.

**Glen Bonham**  
Minden



# points of view

## The bucket list

**E**ACH JANUARY, for the last year or two, I have noticed articles in the mainstream media referring to bucket lists – apparently inspired by a movie of the same name.

Though I never saw the film, I can only assume that it is about ice fishing, since almost every serious ice angler carries a bucket full of gear out on the ice.

I've got to admit that it does my heart good to know that ice fishing is finally gaining the popularity it deserves. And it's also nice to know that Hollywood finally got something right too. After all, having an organized bucket it really important.

And to do that you need a bucket list. Without one, you'd forget the crucial things that should be taken along. For instance, my bucket list reminds me to bring along rods, tip ups, tackle,

split shots, spare line, hooks, measuring tape, multi-tool, GPS, bait, ladle, auger, fish finder, spare gloves, lunch, thermos and matches.

It's a pretty comprehensive list, but this, of course, is what it is all about. Without a good bucket list, you are apt to forget the wax worms, power grubs or emerald shiners. And, without these critical things, you are left wondering for the rest of your life about what could have been on that fateful day.

A bucket list, as I understand it, is also about the things you don't take along. It's also a repository of the experiences you'd like to enjoy before it is all over – presumably, in late March when the ice is getting iffy.

We're not talking about mundane or routine achievements either. No, this is all about the really big, life-altering dreams such as catching a limit

of jumbo perch or putting a lake trout on the ice that isn't in the slot size. Or, just for once, going out ice fishing with someone who truly enjoys drilling and slushing out fishing holes or dragging heavy toboggans up hills.

Before this winter is over, I'd like to pull my sled and gear out onto the hut without having to stop because it overturned in a snowmobile rut. As if that's not asking enough, I'd be thrilled to fish for a full morning without losing a lure or having to untangle a bird's nest of line in my reel. It'd also be great not to break the zipper in my

pants when the wind is blowing really hard.

These are the kind of miraculous things that any hard water angler would surely place on their bucket list. These are the once-in-a-lifetime moments that we all dream of.

They could conceivably happen too – for instance I knew a man who said he ice fished for a full day without once having to break off nasal icicles. That's right, a friend did it for him.

You just know that he checked that off the list.

And that's the point. Check a string of these off the list and you will surely be able to look back in your twilight years and smile. And not just because your ice fishing days are behind you either....



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Beyond 35

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## Declaring humans surplus

**A**FTER A HOLIDAY WHIRLWIND of shopping and driving and eating things best not eaten, The Brown Dog Jiggs and I are back at ground zero, at home on Sapsucker Ridge.

Warm house, hot water, a cold refrigerator and a bag filled with kibble. Who could ask for anything more?

And yet. And yet. Back home again, sated with the season's pleasures, I sit here disconsolate, wondering how the world will work once my species finally has been declared redundant.

As always when the world is about to turn, clues sneak up and creep by us while we are distracted by our lives, and suddenly everything changes.

Forecasters say that the United States will lose 50-million jobs to robots over the next 30 years. About half of those jobs will be in the service industries, once a refuge for humans discarded by the factory system.

Now kiosks, pumped-up vending machines, swallow up service jobs. Kiosks sling burgers in new A&W restaurants, dispense gold bars in an Arab mall, replace front desks in Japanese hotels.

Guests may soon be the only humans in those Japanese hotels. Robotized vacuums run on rechargeable batteries

and plug themselves into a wall socket when those batteries run low.

In California, a man with a joy stick works vast fields with a regiment of remote-controlled tractors. Automation in a new Alberta dairy barn feeds and milks the cows and then cleans up after them.

In Saskatchewan, a technocrat declares that mines will soon be fully automated. You can't automate forests, but in a softwood clear-cut, one man in a feller-buncher replaces platoons of sawyers and skidders.

It's all about efficiency and productivity, the twin mantras of our economy. Fewer workers, more consumers. That doesn't compute.

Online shopping is one of our great engines of efficiency. The owner of a smalltown bookstore must spend long stretches alone in his shop, waiting for a customer to come through the door.

A big-box store like, say, Chapters in Peterborough, smooths out the ebb and flow of shoppers with an economy of scale but must still keep idle hands waiting for a surge of humans to come through the door.

Where big-box stores arrive, commu-

nities bleed jobs as their small, less-efficient competitors close their doors. An online store, like Amazon, is the ultimate big-box, a single store serving a whole continent.

Computers handle the paperwork and whatever human staffing there is can be matched with great accuracy to the volume of business. Online retail is an assembly line.

Print on paper is almost history now and books and magazines and newspapers will become virtual – no shipping and handling

required.

In case you missed it, this holiday season saw a substantial shift to online shopping. Folks buy scarves and chainsaws, even order pizzas, online. You can buy your new snowmobile from a Haliburton dealer online.

So what's wrong with that? The whole history of our modern age has been about devising machines to replace human labour, giving ordinary workers a standard of living unimaginable to a medieval king.

Trouble is, it seems to me, is that what our industrial age seems to be racing toward is a tipping point. An econ-

omy is a house of cards, held up by faith and human labour.

There must come a point where we run out of the jobs that turn us into consumers. If no humans are required to flip burgers, who buys the burgers?

Humans become surplus and put an economy in crisis, which is certainly where we are now. The rich get rich and the poor, who really aren't needed any more, get poorer. The middle class fades away.

General Motors fails, not through mismanagement, but because brigades of button-pushing workers can't support the army of pensioners who once tightened nuts now tightened by robots.

Emerging markets are supposed to take up the slack, but if workers there earn enough to become consumers, they, too, will be priced out of their jobs.

Perhaps we can just keep making more things, at least until we run out of the raw materials it takes to make them.

In the meantime, Jiggs says we should put shopping chips in the robots. Just to keep things going.

*A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.*

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Back of Beyond

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# Highland tartan blankets shop

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Highlands of Haliburton tartan was first commissioned by county council in 1963 and while it may have faded for a while, the fabric is experiencing a renaissance.

The tartan is available at Highland Treasures, whose owner, Sharon Luke, recently moved her business to Minden's Jug City plaza.

It was Luke who, in late 2009, ordered a large, 50-metre bolt of the fabric in hopes of reviving its popularity.

And it seems to be working.

"The first bolt sold out in two and half months," Luke said happily from her shop last week.

The multipurpose space holds not just her fabric shop, but also her bookkeeping business, a friend's bookkeeping business and acts as the office for her husband's contracting company.

Luke has blankets, shawls, neckties and other items, some of which she has made through a mill in Scotland.

The neckties are popular with a number of county councillors.

Luke also sells swaths of the fabric, both wool and wool-blend, which can be fashioned into all sorts of items.

She said she had a couple of women who purchased some to fashion into vests and then used the scraps to quilt pillows.

Whispers North in Minden also carries the tartan and Luke is happy to supply it to

any other businesses that are interested.

"I'm sort of here as the dealer location," she said.

Luke, a weaver, also took a kilt-making class this summer and plans to continue with more advanced classes next year.

She is three-quarters of the way through a kilt she is fashioning for herself, which she said is going well.

Kilts can be ordered through Luke from West Coast Kilts, business of master kilt-maker Robert MacDonald who visited the Highlands in the summer.

The Canadian maple leaf tartan is also available at the shop and Luke said she can make arrangements to order in other tartans by request.

"It's not a problem," she said.

Luke has also nearly sold out of tartan pins, mugs and other collectables, of which she'll be ordering more.

She invites anyone with an idea for a tartan collectable to come and talk to her about it.

"I'd be interested in knowing what it is," she said. "We're looking at new ideas."

One of these new ideas includes a flag.

Luke is at the shop on Mondays and Tuesdays and can be reached at 286-2098 or [www.highlandtreasures.ca](http://www.highlandtreasures.ca).

The Highlands of Haliburton tartan is available at Sharon Luke's Highland Treasures shop, in both wool and wool-blend and can be made into a variety of products. Luke is pictured here with her dog Bentley, a bordeaux.  
**Photo by Chad Ingram**





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## Weekly Sudoku

To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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4pm-5pm Friday  
11am – 1pm Sunday

**Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays - 7:00 pm - Zumba  
Minden Community Centre - \$5.00**

## Meetings and Events

**January 13th 9am Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**January 13th Special Council Meeting (to follow COTW)**  
**January 15th 10am-12noon 1st Town Hall Meeting**  
**Minden Community Centre**  
**January 27th 9am – Council Meeting**

### WELCOME 1st TOWN HALL MEETING!

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### NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, January 13th, 2011

Notice is hereby given that a Special Council Meeting has been  
called for Thursday, January 13th, 2011. The Special Council  
Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street,  
Minden, following the Committee of the Whole Meeting. The  
purpose of the Special Meeting is for Council to consider:

- Resolution requesting the extension of Infrastructure  
Project Deadlines
- Appointment of Board & Committee Members
- By-law to authorize a Service Agreement for John S. Rogers  
(Interim CAO)

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The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills is seeking expressions  
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Finance Committee  
Roads Committee  
Economic Development Committee  
Youth Committee  
Parks & Recreation Committee (includes Community Facilities in  
Irondale, Gelert & Lochlin)  
Minden Hills Cultural Centre Committee  
Community Engagement Committee  
Minden Hills Library Committee  
Cemetery Board  
Events Committee  
Committee of Adjustment  
Solid Waste Management Committee  
Protective Services Committee  
Planning & Development Committee

We would ask that you provide the  
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For further information on these committees (purpose, etc.) please visit our  
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Guide Rick Whitteker, left, stirs the pot of chili over an open fire, as his guest Sherry Rosenkranz of Michigan watches in Snowdon Park on Thursday, Dec. 30. This is part of the Make Peace with Winter adventure, as it is one of many in a series of Yours Outdoors outings throughout the year.



Michigan tourists Jill Rosenkranz and her mother Sherry make their way with snowshoes during a guided adventure.

## Group makes peace with winter

The Make Peace with Winter adventure was a daylong private outing, organized by Yours Outdoors.

With guide Rick Whitteker, it offered the Michigan family of Chris and Sherry Rosenkranz with daughter Jill an experi-

ence that included snowshoe instruction, a guided adventure, including a stop at a local café in Haliburton and sleigh ride on Thursday, Dec. 30. The Rosenkranz family spent the week snowmobiling and skiing before driving home for seven hours.

Photos by Darren Lum Times staff



Left, Sherry Rosenkranz and her daughter Jill follow Rick Whitteker along a snow covered beaver dam.

At left, the beauty of the Highlands – and its trees – were highlighted during the walk.





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## Haliburton Campus Continuing Education Winter 2011

### COMPUTERS

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COURSE CODE: COMP169  
DATE: Saturday, April 2, 2011  
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
FEE: \$53.82

#### Introduction to Computers - Part Two

COURSE CODE: COMP170  
DATE: Saturday, April 9, 2011  
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
FEE: \$53.82

#### Introduction to Computers - Part Three

COURSE CODE: COMP171  
DATE: Saturday, April 16, 2011  
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
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#### Microsoft Word

COURSE CODE: COMP174  
DATE: Saturday, April 30, 2011  
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
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#### Browsing the Internet

COURSE CODE: COMP172  
DATE: Saturday, May 7, 2011  
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
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#### E-mail Workshop

COURSE CODE: COMP160  
DATE: Saturday, May 14, 2011  
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
FEE: \$53.82

### DANCE

#### Ballroom Dancing

COURSE CODE: ARTS817  
DATE: Weds, Jan 19 - Mar 30, 2011  
TIME: 8:30pm - 9:30pm  
LOCATION: Minden Community Centre  
FEE: \$140.00

#### Ballroom Dancing II

COURSE CODE: ARTS832  
DATE: Weds, Jan 19 - Mar 30, 2011  
TIME: 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
LOCATION: Minden Community Centre  
FEE: \$140.00

#### Ballroom Dancing III

COURSE CODE: ARTS833  
DATE: Weds, Jan 19 - Mar 30, 2011  
TIME: 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
LOCATION: Minden Community Centre  
FEE: \$140.00

### Couples Salsa Dancing - Intermediate

COURSE CODE: ARTS1483  
DATE: Weds, Jan 19 - Mar 30, 2011  
TIME: 7:30pm - 8:30pm  
LOCATION: Minden Community Centre  
FEE: \$140.00

### ONTARIO BUILDING CODE

#### General Legal Process 2006

COURSE CODE: CNST79  
DATES: Mon - Fri, Jan 24 - 28, 2011  
TIME: 8:30am - 5:00pm  
FEE: \$632.70

#### House - 2006

COURSE CODE: CNST120  
DATES: Mon - Fri, Feb 28 - Mar 4, 2011  
TIME: 8:30am - 5:00pm  
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COURSE CODE: ENVR42  
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### SAFETY-FIRST AID - CPR

#### CPR - Basic Rescuer (Level C)

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#### First Aid - Standard

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#### Fall Arrest

COURSE CODE: CNST77  
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FEE: \$85.68

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COURSE CODE: HLTH52  
DATES: Saturday, April 2, 2011  
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
FEE: \$54.45

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#### Conversational French - Level 1

COURSE CODE: LANG30  
DATES: Tues, Jan 25 - Mar 29, 2011  
TIME: 6:30pm - 9:30pm  
FEE: \$181.20

#### Conversational French - Level 2

COURSE CODE: LANG36  
DATES: Thurs, Jan 27 - Mar 31, 2011  
TIME: 6:30pm - 9:30pm  
FEE: \$181.20

#### Spanish - Level II

COURSE CODE: LANG44  
DATES: Weds, Mar 9 - May 11, 2011  
TIME: 6:30pm - 9:00pm  
FEE: \$151.00

### HOSPITALITY

#### Smart Serve

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### WORKSHOPS

#### Adobe PhotoShop - Workshop

COURSE CODE: COMP155  
DATES: Saturday, April 2, 2011  
TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm  
FEE: \$89.70

#### Wilderness Survival Skills Workshop

COURSE CODE: RECR102  
DATES: Saturday, February 26, 2011  
TIME: 10:00am - 5:00pm  
FEE: \$123.91

#### GPS Map and Compass Skills

COURSE CODE: CART10  
DATES: Saturday, March 5, 2011  
TIME: 10:00am - 5:00pm  
FEE: \$123.91

#### Wild Edibles Foraging 101

COURSE CODE: RECR103  
DATES: Saturday, May 28, 2011  
TIME: 10:00am - 5:00pm  
FEE: \$123.91

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# Mindenites lace up



Austin Boyle, at left, was getting a grip on the process at Minden's public skating Dec. 30 at the community arena.

Jackson Gartshor, below, was one of the fastest skaters on the ice.



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Many enjoyed the last day of public skating for 2010.

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3	Eleanor Lymer	620
4	Bryan Rivard	619
5	Scott LaRue	594.25
6	Ronald Sedley	579
7	Jeff Barry	575.25
8	Andrew McGill	563.5
9	Martin Schuster	562.5
10	Maie Arike	553.5
11	Bob McKay	552.5
12	Melissa White	549.25
13	Larry Southgate	540.25
14	Paul Cameron	536
15	David Douglas	534.25
16	Ray Lymer	526.5
17	Ian Kemp	525.5
18	Michael Moxley	520.5
19	Jordan Hamilton	513.25
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33	Robin Carmount	467.25
34	Dwight Thomas	466.5
35	Rhonda Shaw	464.75
36	Jonathan Sharpley	463.25
37	Larry Holden	461.25
38	Norm Bottum	456.5
39	Dan MacMillan	455
40	Audrey Sedley	452.5
41	Ann Mclvor	447.25
42	Richard Rasmus	442.25
43	Peter R Stelter	439.25
44	Bruce Fisher	433.25
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# Learn about this year's business nominees

The long list of nominees for the fifth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards were released in December.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce voted on their favourites and a committee will take those results into consideration when choosing this year's winners to be revealed at the gala Jan. 15. Take a moment to learn about this year's nominees.

## Small Business of the Year

**Moon Shadows Estate Winery** - Eric and Carol Thompson are strong supporters of the Haliburton Highlands. Moon Shadows Estate Winery is the first of its kind in the province of Ontario, and the winery has received five international awards for their various wines.

**Parker Pad and Printing** - offers print on demand to the businesses of the Haliburton Highlands. Parker Pad and Printing donates to many events and community agencies throughout the year such as: Ducks Unlimited, Community Care, SIRCH, West Guilford Community Centre, Rails End Gallery, Relay for Life etc.

**Roberts- Austin Fuels** - is a family-owned business, celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2011. Well known for their excellent customer service and the responsible manner in which they do business, Steve and Andrea will go the distance to help a customer manage their fuel costs. It is commendable the number of times they have stepped up to help a customer in need and shown compassions that is all too lacking in this day and age.

**Subway Minden and Haliburton** - Peter Shah and his wife Dipika started their subway career in 2004 in Minden, and with business partner Mehul Patel, currently own and operate seven Subways in and around the Haliburton Highlands. Their hands-on approach won them the Subway franchise of the year in 2007. In addition, they support numerous community projects and organizations including the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation.

**Wintergreen** - Charming converted barn with hundreds of homemade food and preservatives including maple syrup products. Unique entertainment venue, hosting such events as Barbados night, blues concerts and dinner theatre.

## Large Business of the Year

**Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Preserve** - The practices of the Forest have been recognized internationally resulting in them being awarded Canada's First Sustainable Forest Environmental Award by the Stewardship Council. Their outdoor education program, canopy tour, wolf centre and various activity trails, are world renowned. As the Forest offers year-round employment and programs, it is an important contributor to the economy of the Haliburton Highlands.

**Pinestone Resort Conference Centre and Golf Course** - Over the years the Pinestone Resort has been a huge community supporter. Regardless of the type of the event the Pinestone finds a way to give back and support the community as a whole. During the past year Frank Vismeg and his team have been huge contributors of the community, including supporting such initiatives as the Ontario Senior Winter Games, Frost Fest, Golf for the Cure etc.

## New Businesses of the Year

**Aniz** - A Taste of the Mediterranean has put fine dining on Highland Street in the Village of Haliburton, adding yet another reason for people to visit the Highlands and also is a dining experience for local residents to enjoy.

**Molly's Bistro Bakery** - Molly McInerney has taken her bakery to a whole new level, the bright sunny location is a great addition to the business community in Minden. Molly has shown huge support towards the community through many local events and services including her support for the Make it Minden initiative, SIRCH and the Rotary Club of Minden.

**The Mulligan Club** is a great idea built on the most basic business principle of giving your customers a value price for something they expect to pay more for. It's a business model built on old-fashioned word of mouth technique, in that a satisfied customer becomes your best salesperson, and Wayne Greer has grown a business from this passion.

## Not-for-Profit Business of the Year

**Community Care Haliburton** - Community Care has been providing services to seniors and adults with disabilities and their caregivers for 30 years in Haliburton County. Celebrating its 30th anniversary during 2010, Community Care offers nine services enabling seniors in our society the opportunity to live independently at home. A front runner in the Haliburton Highlands in identifying and providing a continuum of community support services to clients, at their place of residence, utilizing a team of volunteers and staff and working with other agencies through networking and sharing resources.

**Haliburton County Public Library** has eight active library branches in the four municipalities providing 40,000 items for the public to borrow, increasing active card holders by a third. This library through its success as partnered with others such as the Rails End Gallery, Ontario Early Years Centre, 4Cs and Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

**Haliburton County Snowmobile Association** - The relentless efforts by the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association has resulted in countless visitors and amazing media coverage that transcends the season. Held in the highest regard by its peers, customers and competitors, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association provides the highest calibre system, closest to the GTA, thus making the Haliburton Highlands the gateway to snowmobile country.

**SIRCH** the enthusiasm of the SIRCH team make them a pleasure to interact with, their knowledge of the communities' needs and their efforts to improve the quality of life in this community is worthy of recognition. The common thread in all that SIRCH does is a philosophy that focuses on strengths and competencies (of children, parents, communities and organizations) and the belief that there are always options and solutions - sometimes you just have to think outside the box.

## Young Entrepreneur of the Year

**Haliburton Language School - Karra Wesley** provides English as a second language program for people of all ages and at all levels as well as foreign language instructions for people wishing language proficiency for travel

or business.

**The Mulligan Club - Wayne Greer** created The Mulligan Club on the most basic simple business model give your customers a value price for something they expect to pay more for. Some people said that a "free driving range" just didn't make sense, however the Mulligan Club has been able to reach 3,000 members and was able to raise \$2,000 for SickKids Foundation based on "donation only" mini-putt.

**WAI Products - Brandi Hewson** is a distributor and manufacturers' representative for a select range of water supply and irrigation products. WAI products operates out of Haliburton and has been developed in response to market demand in Northern Ontario. The product has proven dependable and accessible to every community across Canada. Brandi Hewson is working to become a top North American distributor, while remaining based in the Haliburton Highlands.

**Why Not Collect It - Sandi McElwain** emerging entrepreneurial business, Why Not Collect It is an online sales and purchasing service that uses eBay, Kijiji and other major sites and is an example of the diversified opportunities that exist within the creative economy.

## Customer Service of the Year

**Cordell Carpet** - Friendliness of staff and knowledge of their product plus excellence in store service makes them an ideal candidate of the customer service award.

**Pharmasave** - The epitome of a small town is its pharmacy. Minden Pharmasave and their staff work diligently to serve their customers with a smile and warm greeting, putting their customer's needs first. Minden Pharmasave took leadership in the recent bill 161, traveling to Queen's Park to address the province's leaders and diplomats. Peter and Richard have been huge supporters of the community with their contributions to Minden Food Bank, Cystic Fibrosis and other various fundraising projects.

**Sears Minden** - Ronnie and Julie take care of the customers of Sears Minden the way they would like to be treated themselves, going above and beyond to ensure customer satisfaction.

## Skilled Trades Award

**Cottage Hill Furniture** offers exquisite workmanship and innovative products, working with the homeowner to fulfill their kitchen, bath, furniture or specialty needs, all from a little shop in the Village of Harcourt.

**G.J. Burtch Construction** - G.J. Burtch Construction's customer service record is second to none, whether building a whole home or completing a small renovation, Gary Burtch gives his personal attention to every detail on each job. G.J. Burtch Construction employs 13 highly skilled staff and has supported numerous co-op students and nine apprentices with their careers. Gary has played an active role in the Ontario Building Code Commission since 2001.

**Kathy Carey Fitness** is very committed to helping each client appreciate the connection between mind, body and spirit. She inspires individuals to push past their limits. Kathy Carey herself is constantly expanding her skills as an instructor in order to ensure an extreme level of satisfaction.

**Walker Heating Cooling** - Price, workmanship, product quality and service, makes Walker's Heating and Cooling Systems one of the leading HVAC businesses in Haliburton County. Jerry and his extremely knowledgeable staff work to ensure that all their customers' needs are met and each customer is satisfied.

## Innovation and Creativity Business Award

**ECS Environmental Concrete Systems and Haliburton Crane Rental** - Since 1962 ECS has been forward thinking purchasing equipment that will allow successful business operation while keeping the business local. Recently adding to their services, ECS has begun to focus on unique pre-cast products that are environmentally and user friendly.

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**Portabell** - John Irwin, after working in the Canadian film industry, conceived an idea and now manufactures a bell and light system to be used on the set of movie productions, to relay more efficiently the message "quiet on the set".

**Portico Timber Frames Inc.** - Owned and operated by Elizabeth and Brad Johnson, Portico Timber Frames employs a staff of six who work both where the frames are designed and constructed and on building sites where the frames are assembled and the homes are built, thus encouraging a return to simpler, more environmentally responsible cottage style respectful of nature. Together with the Portico Timber Frame business the Johnsons have branched out into several different industries including a pizzeria, community garden, self storage facility and in 2011 plan to create a patio for outdoor dining and art studio and gallery.

**Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort** - What can be more creative and innovative than Canada's first covered surface ski-lift, whether it be for skiing and snowboarding or trail riding and sightseeing, this innovation is a great asset for visitors to enjoy. Sir Sam's, by taking advantage of the natural landscape of the Highlands, has branched out to include mountain biking in their roster of outdoor adventure they offer.

**Yours Outdoors** - Specializing in experiential tourism, Yours Outdoors offers unique and innovative packages encouraging seasonal and permanent residents to take another look in their own backyard. Small local businesses known as experience partners have benefited from Barrie Martin's hard work and constant promotion of the Haliburton Highlands, including coverage in the *National Post* and Ontario Tourism. Yours Outdoors offers a smorgasbord of tailored experiences including glassblowing workshops, dogsledding, taste touring and house concerts just to name a few.

-From the Chamber of Commerce

To see nominees for Highlander of the Year go to [www.hhchamber.on.ca](http://www.hhchamber.on.ca).



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# January 2010



Firefighters, EMS and police work to rescue snowmobiler Troy Martin, whose sled went under the ice on Drag Lake Dec. 31. Martin was lucky – he got away with only hypothermia. Another man went into Redstone Lake the next day and died. /Andrea Adams photo

## One dies, one lives in two sledding accidents

The new year arrived with tragedy when Scott Hartley, 43, died after his snowmobile went through the ice of Redstone Lake Jan. 1.

Hartley was pulled from the water by friends, but as the group made their way to shore, Hartley stood up and again broke through the ice.

His friends could not save him. It took them just less than 12 hours to find Hartley's body.

In another accident Dec. 31, Troy Martin, 20, put his machine through the ice of Drag Lake. He was rescued by the Dysart fire department suffering from hypothermia.

"I was crawling across the ice, it started to crack again," he told the *Echo* in an interview. "At that point I thought to myself that if I fall in again, there was no way I was going to be able to get myself out. I had no energy."

## Devolin aide denies global warming

Carnarvon resident Doug Smith decided to set up a sting operation on Conservative MP Barry Devolin's aide, Peter Taylor, after learning he denied the science of global warming.

He engaged the staffer in a phone conversation, which he taped, transcribed, and posted publicly. The staff member claimed the climate change talks in Copenhagen were a scheme to raise money for Al Gore and called the United Nations "communist."

Devolin apologized to Smith for Taylor's remarks, saying he does not represent the ideas of the Conservative party.

"It's clear that what he said was not my view," Devolin told the *Minden Times*.



Ontario skip Jake Walker of Minden reacts after throwing his first stone in the second end of their championship game against Manitoba at the Canadian junior curling championship. Walker's team won, sending them to the world junior championship in Switzerland. /Michael Burns photo

## Walker wins national junior curling crown

Minden resident and HHSS curler Jake Walker along with his team won the Ontario junior curling championships 7-1 at the Teeswater Curling Club Jan. 6.

They followed it up Jan. 24 with a win over Team Manitoba in the Canadian juniors, taking them to Flims, Switzerland for the world junior championships.

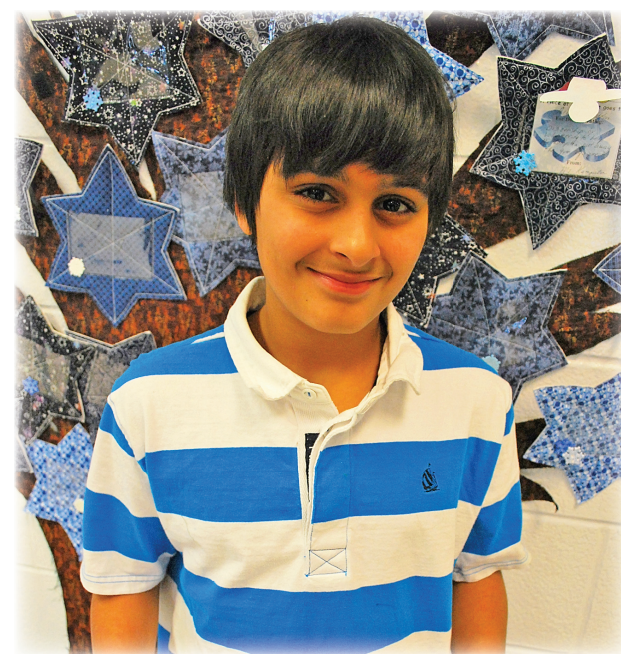
## Dawson Hamilton dies

Sick with cancer and the side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatment for half of his life, Minden's Dawson Hamilton passed away Jan. 10, just 13 days before his 10th birthday.

Over the years the Minden community took Dawson and his family into its arms, trying its best to absorb some of the pain and worry illness causes.

Fundraisers and awareness events were ongoing for Dawson, who inspired the county with his ability to endure the trauma of cancer.

His funeral was attended by hundreds at the Minden Community Centre including NHL star and Haliburton local Matt Duchene, who had become friends with Dawson over the years.



Then-Grade 8 student, Alnoor Gowani, won the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year award for saving the life of a drowning man in the Gull River.

## Local boy wins Junior Citizen of the Year

Alnoor Gowani was named Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year for his role in saving the life of a drowning man in the summer of 2009.

Alnoor, who was 13 at the time, saw a man flailing in the Gull River in Minden and swam over to him, grabbed him and brought him to shore.

"We're so proud of him," his sister Reema told the *Minden Times*.

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# February 2010

Haliburton ran a successful Frost Fest Feb. 13 including dogsled rides, tobogganing, skating and hay rides. This little girl played along-side Head Lake in an obstacle race organized by Camp Wanakita. /Angelica Blenich photo



## New addresses for Algonquin Highlands

County council learned that Canada Post would be changing addresses in the Algonquin Highlands area, removing rural route numbers.

The change was to align postal addresses with 911 addresses and Reeve Eleanor Harrison said the change would increase community pride.

As the year progressed, many found the changes cumbersome with mail delayed and new addresses poorly explained by Canada Post.

## Tourism region split upsets county

New provincial tourism regions announced in December, 2009, dividing Haliburton County into two pieces angered the tourism sector and worried local politicians.

In an effort to strengthen the province's tourism sector, the government carved up the province into 13 sectors to be individually promoted for shared characteristics.

The county was to be divided between Muskoka and the Ottawa Valley something Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey called "definitely wrong."

## Partnership between doctor and midwife hatched

After being told by the regional health board that the Haliburton hospital did not have the volumes of babies delivered to continue services, the local board approved a working relationship between Dr. Norm Bottum and midwife Rebecca Weeks-Toth.

Bottum brought the proposal to the board that would allow the pair to petition the LHIN to reinstate the delivery services.

## Kinmount streetscape disputed by storeowner

Hafiz Makani, owner of the Shop N' Save, started a petition against the Kinmount downtown upgrades planned for the year.

His problem was with the parking reduction that he thought would happen in front of his store if curbs were brought back to town.

## Wolf worries surface

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told council Feb. 15 that he had received a larger than usual number of calls concerning wolf sightings.

Disturbingly, some of those included wolves that were unafraid of humans.

"People are saying that the wolves are showing

no fear of humans and I think it's very unusual for the wolf population coming so close to people and cottage areas," he said.

For the duration of the winter months, a debate raged between residents over whether wolves should be feared, whether they should be hunted and whether they posed a real danger.

## Squatting charges dropped for group

Six people charged with unlawfully occupying a cottage on Kennisis Lake Road in November, 2009, had charges against them dropped.

Members of the group had also faced shoplifting charges after taking groceries, for which they refused to pay, from Dollo's IGA in October, 2009.

Those charges were also dropped.

Led by Victor Beck from Campbellford, the group practised a philosophy called "spiritual economics" that posited that as children of God they were entitled to all necessities of life, such as food and shelter, without paying for it.

## Baby born in taxi back seat

On Feb. 12, Grumpy's taxi driver Stan Wilson witnessed the birth of Jason Spencer in his cab on the way to Minden hospital.

"[The baby] was born right there in the back seat" at 8:57 a.m. on County Road 121 at Gelert Road, Wilson told the *Minden Times*.

The parents – Emily Barry and Kyle Spencer of Irondale – were calm throughout the ordeal.



Gravity House chef Gerry Wills serves up a bowl of his winning chili at the competition during Minden's Winterfest. The festival also included ice races, children's games, curling and the opening of a new snow-mobile bridge. /Jenn Watt photo

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# March 2010

## McGuinty looks into tourism region split

After two months of public outcry over the division of Haliburton County between Muskoka and the Ottawa Valley for the province's new tourism regions, MPP Rick Johnson said the premier was aware of the problem.

"[Premier Dalton McGuinty] said he would look into it and see what he could do. He promised to look into it," Johnson told the *Minden Times* in an interview.

## Municipality settles with Middleton family

Algonquin Highlands township signed a settlement agreement with the Middleton family for more than \$760,000 resolving a dispute that was scheduled to go before the Ontario Municipal Board.

The township paid the Middletons \$200,000 for 100 acres of their property in order to make way for the airport expansion project. But the Middletons weren't happy with that amount and exercised their right to pursue more compensation. They received \$150,000 for injurious affection and disturbance; \$52,334 for interest; and \$362,495 for legal, planning and other fees.

## HHSS girls' snowboarders win gold

The Red Hawks snowboarders took home the gold at OFSAA March 3. The team of Tiffany vanLieshout, Christianna Walker, Ariaht Boots, Alex Muenzel and Holly Wu won the top spot. The boys' team won silver.

## Walker's rink wins world bronze

Travelling to Switzerland for the world junior curling championships, Minden's Jake Walker and his Kitchener, Ont. team captured a bronze medal from the Chinese 7-1.

## Crash leaves pilot uninjured

Police and members of Stanhope's fire department responded to a plane crash at the airport just after 3 p.m. on March 10.

The pilot, who was not injured, was attempting to land when he lost control of the plane, onlookers said.



This small plane flipped over as the pilot attempted to land at the Stanhope airport on March 10. According to onlookers, the pilot, who was uninjured, was a retired Air Canada pilot. /Chad Ingram photo

## HHSS wrestlers win pile of medals

Christianna Walker took home a bronze from the OFSAA wrestling championship March 5-7. Teammate Nicole Mazara made the top eight. At the Ontario Winter Games, Kayla Gardiner took home bronze and Bailey Walker earned a silver medal.

## Superbodies star stops by Sir Sam's

Dr. Greg Wells, who was the host of a popular series on the human body on CTV during the Olympics, came up to Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort March 15 to film an hour-long documentary for the Discovery Channel.

They chose the locale because it was one of the few areas that still had abundant snow cover in March.

## Mike Jaycock named Highlander of the Year

At the annual Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards, Mike Jaycock was given the honour of Highlander of the Year. Other winners were the 4Cs, which received the Warden's Award; Ridgewood Ford for customer service; Organic Times for best small business; Rails End Gallery for best not-for-profit; Graeme Lloyd and Kyla Suchovs for youth of the year; Kawartha Dairy for best large business and McKecks for best new business.

## DeBruin forced out of Iditarod

Hank DeBruin, co-owner of Winterdance Dogsled Tours in Haliburton, had to drop out of the sled dog race across Alaska.

Due to some miscommunication, DeBruin was under the impression he was mandated to leave the race because he wasn't going fast enough.

Upset at having to drop out of the race he had trained years for, DeBruin boarded a plane March 17 out of Unalakleet, Alaska.

## White nose syndrome found in local bats

Ontario's first case of white nose syndrome in bats was discovered by the Ministry of Natural Resources in an abandoned mine site in the Haliburton County area. The syndrome, which is fatal to bats, has only been known to researchers for five years and has only been found in the United States, until now.

## Atom AE team takes all-Ontario trophy

On March 20, the Atom AE team became the all-Ontario champions for groups four and five in their division of the OMHA.

It was a golden season for the team, which was also best in a series of tournaments. The Atom A team also made it to the all-Ontario finals.

## HHSS boys' hockey team makes OFSAA

Wrapping up a stellar season, the Haliburton Red Hawks finished with 25 wins, five losses and two ties, including the playoffs.

Though they made it to the Ontario finals, they were eliminated from a chance at a medal.

## Minden water tower \$1 million over budget

Minden council announced that the water tower would end up costing the township \$1 million more than expected.

The company that was overseeing the construction said the tenders had come in much higher than expected.

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# April 2010

## Province reunites county in tourism region

Warden Dave Burton received a letter from a ministry of tourism assistant deputy minister Michael Kurts informing him that Algonquin Highlands would be reunited with the rest of the county in region 11.

The original tourism regions had split the county between regions 11 and 12 with Algonquin Highlands placed in region 12 with Muskoka and the rest with the Ottawa Valley.

## Steinkamp buys Applejack's restaurant

After announcing he would relaunch Old Country House as Aniz, a Mediterranean restaurant, local entrepreneur and McKecks owner Maarten Steinkamp announced he had purchased Applejack's restaurant.

## MNR urges cool over dead coyotes

Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers followed up on two separate reports of abandoned coyote carcasses in the district. One pile was found near Minden in early April while the other was found near Dorset. The piles came on the heels of a very heated public debate over whether wolf populations were getting too large and too brazen.

## Wilberforce fair gets \$35,000 grant

The annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair was awarded a \$35,000 grant from Celebrate Ontario, a government initiative that aims to support festivals in Ontario. The money was put toward new bleachers and lighting, among other things, during the popular summer event.

## Streetscape project announced

MP Barry Devolin announced a \$1.1 million grant for Haliburton to revamp York Street. The money came from the Community Adjustment Fund and was to create a more pedestrian-friendly, aesthetically pleasing street.



Money was announced for the York Street construction in April. From left, Dysart CAO Tammy McKelvey, Councillor Janis Parker, Councillor Derek Knowles, Councillor Andrea Roberts, Deputy-revee Bill Davis, Barry Devolin's staff member Jamie Schmale and Reeve Murray Fearrey.

## Farmers' market leaves Haliburton

The Haliburton Farmers' Market announced it would go to the Carnarvon intersection of Highways 118 and 35 for the 2010 summer after spending 2009 in Haliburton.

The inability to find a location closer to Haliburton's downtown forced the market to move.

## Frost Centre closes

Two months shy of its third anniversary, the Frost Centre Institute north of Halls Lake closed down permanently because of overdue rent.

The institute took over from the Frost Centre in June 2007 with the intention of capitalizing on the environment and arts.

Despite all efforts, Al Aubry, the operator of the FCI, could not make the money necessary to keep it open.

## Duchene nominated rookie of the year

Haliburton native Matt Duchene was one of three finalists nominated for the 2009-10 Calder Memorial Trophy for the NHL's rookie of the year.

"It's a pretty big honour," said Duchene of the nomination. "Coming in this year, it's something that I kind of had at the back of my head."

The nomination was announced April 22.

## \$122,000 for the arts

Haliburton's arts community pulled in three major grants from the Ontario government totalling \$122,000 to promote performing arts, enhance cultural planning and improve museum infrastructure.



MPP Rick Johnson, left, hears directly from pharmacist Richard Smith about how things are run behind the counter. /Jenn Watt photo

## Mindenites rally behind pharmacy

A large group of local residents crowded around the storefront of Minden's Pharmasave April 23 in anticipation of a visit from MPP Rick Johnson who was coming to discuss his government's decision to axe "professional allowances" which are rebates given to pharmacists by generic drug companies to stock their products.

The owners of Pharmasave had raised concern that the legislation would bite into their income, causing them to lay off workers.

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Tiffany Howe, right, accepts the emerging artist award from Sheryl Loucks at the Arts Council's gala May 1. /Jenn Watt photo

## Gala honours some of county's best

Honours at the Arts Council's May 1 gala included Billy Janitsch for youth artist of the year, Tiffany Howe as emerging artist and the Art Hive collective for arts founder.

A tribute was given to Caryl Miller, a longtime theatre organizer/performer/supporter who was moving to Peterborough after decades in the Highlands.

The arts supporter award went to Laurie Jones and artist of distinction award went to Rose Pearson.

## Barb Reid leads slate of candidates into Minden election

Minden Hills Councillor Barb Reid launched her campaign for reeve by revealing she'd be part of a slate of candidates.

Calling itself Vision 2010, the group held a news conference May 7 at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. Larry Clarke, Brigitte Gall and Ken Redpath joined Reid on the Vision team.

## Bad economy slows Watercolours condos

A combination of a sagging economy and site plan paperwork slowed down Watercolours Condominium development, the CEO of the development told the *Echo*.

"Things in the GTA here are a lot different than they are up there ... we won't get it going until things are better," Chuck Mady said.

The 150-unit lifestyle condos overlooking Head Lake won an Ontario Municipal Board hearing in March 2009.

## Minden rates go up to pay for tower

The users of Minden Hills's water and sewer systems will be paying more for those services, councillors decided May 13.

Council passed a five-per-cent increase for both water and sewer user fees to pay off a \$1-million shortfall on the water tower project.

## Donald plant to be restored

Sixty-four years after it was abandoned by the Standard Chemical Company, the distribution building in Donald is being reborn as a business hub in Haliburton County.

The owner of the building, Jim O'Connor, along with Leora Berman who is heading the project, announced their intention to revamp the deteriorating building.

They planned to find grant money to do the work.

## Tourism town hall attracts 100 business leaders

Just in time for the summer season, tourism stakeholders from around the county came together May 12 to discuss the direction of the industry.

Organized and facilitated by Sally Moore and the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the event looked at tourism and the way it effects the Highlands.

## Hockey Haven sold to former NHLer

Troy Binnie, a retired NHL player and Salerno Lake cottager, purchased the decades-old Hockey Haven summer camp.

His children have participated for a number of years and last year Binnie approached Pat Russell about buying the camp.

"I want to bring it back to what it was in the 1970s and early 1980s," Binnie said.

## Reeve candidates emerge

Murray Fearrey announces he will try for 40 years in politics, running for reeve of Dysart once more. Dave Burton also announces he will run for reeve of Highlands East, as does Jim Mackie, then-deputy-reeve of Highlands East, followed by Jack Bartholomew.

## HHSS wins huge at track and field championship

Medal winners at the COSSA regional championships May 19 included Sandy Griffith, Sarah Comer, Ali Hicks, Brigitta Hicks, Vicky Bukta, Christianna Walker, Andrew Murray, Drew Paul, Matt Rae, Zane Zondervan and Jesse LeFevre.

## Share the Road wins municipal award

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities recognized Haliburton County for its contribution to transportation sustainability at the first-ever Municipal Awards of Excellence May 29.

Haliburton was presented with a sustainable community award for building capacity for active transportation in Haliburton County.

## Enviro-heroes named at gala

At the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's annual gala May 28 in Minden, Jerry Walker was given the award for stewardship; Mary Anne Barkhouse and Michael Belmore for arts; Haliburton Highlands Water Trails for business of the year; the Children's Water Festival and Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning for education; and Sue Shikaze won the health promotion award.

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# June 2010

## Candidates emerge for Dysart deputy-reeve

Then-councillor Janis Parker announced plans to challenge long-time Deputy-reeve Bill Davis in the upcoming October election. She joined Bob Nichol in the challenge. Nichol later dropped out of the race to run in Ward 4. Later Jerry Walker and Martin Lacey announced candidacy.

## Head secretary wins impact award

The head secretary June Smith received the support staff Impact Award for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board June 2. Smith has been actively involved in community pursuits, organizing the Terry Fox Run and managing the music festival at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

## County committee refuses Enduro bikes on Rail Trail

The economic development committee of county council recommended June 9 that Enduro bikes not be granted access to the 33-kilometre corridor running from Haliburton to Kinmount.



Gary Brohman, retired HHSS principal has said he will always be a Red Hawk. /Darren Lum photo

## Brohman retires, Marsden takes over

Longtime high school principal Gary Brohman announced he would be retiring at the end of June. He came to the school in 1972.

Former HHSS teacher Dan Marsden was named as his replacement to begin September, 2010.

## Dysart approves revamping Donald building

After a packed public meeting June 7 on plans to renovate and reopen the old Donald distribution centre, council approved the proposal.

Concerns were expressed about lighting, creating an aesthetically pleasing site and reducing traffic on the road.

## Pogue and Paul named athletes of the year

High school students Kara Pogue and Drew Paul were given the Red Hawks' highest honour June 15. Other major award winners were also revealed that evening.

## Runway gets green light

Algonquin Highlands announces plans to lay the groundwork for a second runway at Stanhope Airport in July with pavement for the 1,220-metre runway coming in October, 2010.

Infrastructure Canada granted the municipality the go-ahead June 9 in a draft environmental screening report.

## Earthquake rattles Haliburton residents

The quake, which lasted about 10 seconds on June 23, originated near Echo Lake, Que., 60 kilometres north of Ottawa and measured a magnitude of 5.0.

Across the county, from Minden to Tory Hill, people reported glasses shaking and the earth rumbling. There were no injuries tied to the quake.

## Duchene misses out on Calder Trophy

Colorado Avalanche forward and Haliburton native Matt Duchene was on hand at the NHL awards in Las Vegas June 23 to witness Buffalo Sabres defenseman Tyler Myers win the Calder Trophy for rookie of the year.

## Minden finds water tower savings

Minden Hills township managed to make up \$250,000 of its \$1 million shortfall on the water tower project.

Township staff had met with reps from a consulting firm and found savings that would not compromise the "integrity of the overall system" council heard June 24.

## Gullfest cancelled over low water levels

White Water Ontario announced that it would cancel the annual kayaking event in Minden since the Gull River was so low.

"This has been one of the driest springs on record due to lack of snow," said John Slot, director of the Minden Wild Water Preserve.



Young friends, from left, Jurgen Shantz, 7, Andre Dulong, 10, Monique Dulong, 8, and Xavier Dulong, 6, were with their parents at the fourth annual Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life in Haliburton this past year.

## Relay for life raises \$208,000

Haliburton's cancer fundraiser brought in \$208,500, comparing solidly with bigger centres such as Peterborough (\$220,000) and the City of Kawartha Lakes (\$132,000).

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# Minden 2010



Artist Michael Belmore shows off the skunk hat he won during an auction at the third annual Wild About Nature gala in Minden on May 28. The hat's creator, Bark Lake resident Bonnie Anderson was so happy for Belmore that she gave him a smooch. /Chad Ingram photo



Sarah Moshioian and brother Matthew enjoyed the fire truck ride at a carnival hosted by the Minden Rotary Club outside the Minden municipal office in August.



Emily Alexander was all giggles as she celebrated Canada Day in Minden. /Chad Ingram photo



Karen Koehler has taken up the sport of skijoring and will be travelling to Norway to compete in March 2011. /Chad Ingram photo

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# Community 2010



Donna Findlay, left, smiles with her granddaughter Danniella Waller at the annual Stanhope Heritage Day. /Angelica Blenich photo



A hundred years to the day that it was first launched into Lake of Bays, a restored S.S. Bigwin was relaunched into the lake on July 10. A project of the Lake of Bays Marine and Navigation Museum, the restoration of the steamer has taken nearly a decade and cost almost a million dollars. /Chad Ingram photo



Phil Ward, left, and Will McConnell were part of a group reenacting the Muskoka militia, which served the area in the 19th century, during Dorset Heritage Day on July 10. /Chad Ingram photo

Residents of Kinmount caught some of the infectious Canadian Olympic spirit at Winterfest in February as children and adults alike came out and showed their true Olympic pride in the form of homemade decorated cardboard toboggans and glowing hearts and faces. It wasn't all fun and games for residents of Kinmount as some of the tobogganers failed to make it down the hill. /Angelica Blenich photo



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# July 2010



## Dorset lights up sky

The Dorset fireworks were blazing across the night sky for this year's Canada Day celebration over the Lake of Bays on Saturday night, July 3. Hundreds gathered along the shoreline, docks and the bridge to watch the spectacle. /Darren Lum photo



Things in Head Lake Park got a wee bit Scottish on July 10 when it played host to the 22nd annual Haliburton Highlands Games. From caber tossing to sheep herding to bagpipes, the day was a well-attended celebration of all things Scottish. Brandon Hartmann prepares to toss the caber. Ideally the goal is to toss the five-metre tall log so that it flips end over end. /Chad Ingram photo

## Group gears up on Enduro issue

A group forms at the end of June to rally against Enduro bikes on the Rail Trail at the July 7 county council meeting. Their efforts seem effective as the county decides to keep Enduros off the trails. A master plan review for the Rail Trail will be conducted in 2011, council decided.

## Man charged at G20 has ties to Dysart

Gary McCullough, 53, who was living in Dysart et al was arrested and charged with possessing weapons for a dangerous purpose days before the G20 Summit in Toronto. The police search found a crossbow along with other tools such as a baseball bat, sledgehammer and a chainsaw.

## Community Centre renamed after former reeve

The Glamorgan community centre was officially renamed the Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre during a special ceremony July 1.

McCausland, who was a former reeve of Glamorgan and warden of the county, passed away in 1992 at the age of 49.

## Business incubator acquires first tenant

Karra Wesley became the first entrepreneur to take advantage of a special creative business incubator project in the old Dysart library branch building.

The language school was soon followed by other businesses to be supported by the initiative, which provides mentorship and a work location for new business owners.

## Runway to be delayed to 2011

The chief administrative officer of Algonquin Highlands said the Stanhope Airport expansion would not begin this year after hearing from the Federal Economic Development Agency.

The agency had received more than 200 messages from taxpayers in the municipality and due to workload and staff availability, the agency said it would be August before a thorough review of the letters began.

## Bigwin back on Lake of Bays

On July 10, for the first time in 40 years the S. S. Bigwin took to the waters of Lake of Bays. More than 1,000 people flooded downtown Dorset to watch a crane place the century-old restored steamer in the lake whose waters it had travelled for so long.

## Minden man found guilty of dumping pelts

A suspended sentence was given to R. Shayne McKelvey for abandoning eight eastern coyote pelts near Minden.

A part of the plea agreement was a donation of \$1,000 to the Haliburton outdoors association.

Although conservation officers found that all the animals were harvested legally, pelts cannot be abandoned or permitted to spoil unless they are of no commercial value.

## Local golf show picked up by TV networks

Charlie Teljeur and Wayde Greer were given the go-ahead on the first season of *Highways to Fairways*, a reality show about two guys travelling North America in an RV in search of the most unique golf courses.

The show will launch on CHEX TV and OLN in Canada and R&R TV in the U.S.

## Workers recover after lightning strike

A wild thunderstorm July 21 sent two municipal workers at the Tory Hill landfill site to hospital. While they were seated in the landfill's shack, lightning hit the fence outside and came up through the floor of the building, the workers said. Both were released from hospital with no serious injuries.

## Haliburton Sportsmen's Show underperforms

Despite a significant amount of planning and dedication by Dysart, the Haliburton Sportsmen's Show failed to draw large crowds or attain overwhelming success in its first year.

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# August 2010

## Smile Festival expects repeat performance

The Smile Festival will likely run again after the first event on Aug. 7 drew large crowds to the charity event.

Performances by the Northern Pikes along with a Tina Turner tribute band brought in more than \$7,000 for various local groups.

## Tourism boon predicted

The county's economic development director says the new regional tourism organizations should prove a boon for the county.

The new organizations are tasked with promoting the unique characteristics of each area of the province.

## Sawmill dispute cools

Less than a week after Haliburton Forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum announced he'd shut down his sawmill over Dysart's application of the Ontario building code, he decided to hold off and see if a better resolution could be made.

On Aug. 14, Schleifenbaum met with Reeve Murray Fearrey to talk out the issues and the meeting was fruitful with the pair agreeing to resolve the issue rather than closing down the mill or bringing in a third-party evaluator.

## County team brings back hardware from Summer Games

The Ontario Senior Summer Games concluded Aug. 12 in Oshawa and the county's team did better than ever. The Haliburton/Muskoka team brought back 13 medals including four golds.

## Carol Moffatt runs for reeve

The only person to enter her name for reeve of Algonquin Highlands was Carol Moffatt, then a councillor for the Stanhope area.



Congregation members of Irondale's St. John's Anglican Church enter the building for a special ceremony marking the closing of the church. The Anglican Diocese of Toronto has chosen to close the church due to low attendance levels and financial concerns. /Chad Ingram photo

## Bell tolls for Irondale's church

Built in 1887, Irondale's St. John's Anglican Church closed its doors at the end of August. The decision was made because of dwindling attendance, meaning very little money and few volunteers to carry out all of the necessary tasks.

The last Sunday service was held Aug. 29.

## Bear sightings drop

The MNR confirmed that reports of bears in Algonquin Highlands had dropped substantially from the previous year. It was posited that a good food year for the bears was decreasing their dependence on food found around human dwellings.

## MS sufferer charged with possession

After smoking marijuana for 30 years to offset the effects of slow progressing multiple sclerosis Jeff Pinney, 62, was charged Aug. 23 with possession of the drug in his Hyland Crest room in Minden.

"My only offence is being unable to get approval to use medical marijuana," Pinney said.

## Wild Orchid closing

Beloved Thai food restaurant owners say they will close up shop and move to Thailand at the end of the year.

Ron Gamble and Suwan Khamduang put the building up for sale, but said if it didn't sell they might return next summer.

## Drumming up support

Cross-country tour by a Haliburton trio brought in more than \$150,000 for a school in Angola over the summer.

Through personal networks, the connections of the United Church of Canada and some pure happenstance, Joe Truss, Barry Hayward, Christine Cullen (the Abbey North Drummers) made their way through 20 towns playing 40 gigs in 37 days starting May 1.

The group continued their efforts to rebuild the school with a drumathon.

## Highlands East kicks off election

Questions from the audience of about 100 people at the first all-candidates meeting in the county centred around the three candidates for reeve – Jim Mackie, Jack Bartholomew and Dave Burton Aug. 28 at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

## DeBruin to enter Yukon Quest

Local musher Hank DeBruin decided to enter the Yukon Quest in 2011. Similar to the Iditarod, the race is the less well-known of the multi-day races at 1,600 kilometres. The race starts in Whitehorse and finishes in Fairbanks.

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# September 2010

## Trustee race pits Smith and Brohman

School trustee board chairwoman Valerie Smith hadn't mounted a campaign for her post in 10 years, but with the addition of newly retired principal Gary Brohman to the election race in October, she had to fight to keep her spot.

The campaign heated up over the next month between the two contenders – both popular and respected in the community.

## Mackie drops out of reeve race

Deputy-reeve of Highlands East, Jim Mackie announced in early September that he would no longer be running for reeve.

## Hundreds left off voters' list

Many local residents – even those who have lived and voted in the county for decades – were left off the voters' list due to a decision by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

The municipality of Dysart made a public plea for everyone to check if they were dropped from the list as early as possible.

## Lions lawsuit names Kinmount businesses

Lions Clubs International is suing a number of Kinmount's community volunteers.

The Kinmount Business Association, Kinmount Minor Sports and eight individuals were informed in late August that they were third-party defendants in a liability-related lawsuit being launched by the international service club.

The lawsuit dates back to 2006's Moonlight Mania, where a fight broke out hours after the event at a private residence.

The event was put on by the Lions Club.



Laurie Scott was chosen by the local PC membership to represent them in the 2011 election. /file photo

## Laurie Scott crowned PC nominee

Laurie Scott will lead the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Progressive Conservative party into the next provincial election.

She got the party membership's nod in a very convincing first ballot victory Sept. 18.

## Pool talk dominates candidates meetings

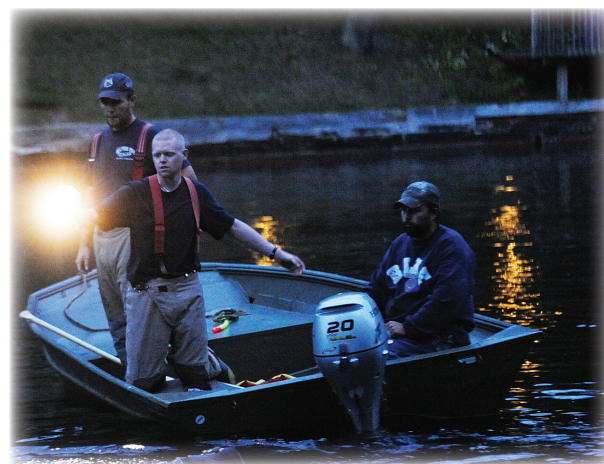
The concept of a public pool in Haliburton County dominated the discussion at an all-candidates meeting for Dysart et al township Sept. 18.

The meeting, hosted by the county's media drew some 200 people to Fleming College.

## Hospital looks at complete smoking ban on property

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board considered a complete smoking ban on its properties at a meeting Sept. 23.

One board member said the policy would make it clear to the public that the board is on the side of smoking cessation. They agreed to discuss it again at a later date.



The Minden Hills fire department search the Gull River for the 67-year-old Uxbridge man who drowned. The OPP's Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU) recovered the body Sept. 16. /Darren Lum photo

## Man's body found in Gull River

The Haliburton Highlands OPP recovered the body Sept. 16 of the 67-year-old Uxbridge man who drowned in the Gull River south of Moore Falls.

Police said there were two men attempting to load a boat onto a trailer when the truck and attached trailer rolled into the river from the boat launch off Moore Lakes Estates Road Sept. 15. One man made it to shore, while the other was carried off and later drowned.

## Fur flies over Beaver Theatre renovations

The Beaver Theatre was tied up in litigation as the owner sued several local businesses and the township of Minden Hills over alleged faulty construction.

Fionnula Martin, owner and operator of the theatre, which was closed December, 2009, was seeking \$28 million in damages.

## Irondale man dies in crash

A 71-year-old Irondale man was killed in a crash on Kawartha Lakes Road 121 near Burnt River on Sept. 28. Caro Mintz was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash.

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# October 2010

## Dysart deputy-reeve race gets messy

With only three weeks left before the election, an ad aired on Canoe FM that ruffled the feathers of deputy-reeve candidate Janis Parker.

Bill Davis, incumbent deputy-reeve, launched an attack ad on Parker regarding two mail-outs she did to constituents.

The mail-outs were tailored to their audience (fulltime and seasonal residents), which Davis raised issue with.

Parker said the letters were meant to address the concerns of specific audiences and that she wasn't trying to hide any agenda.

The ads were pulled.

## Botched ballots in Stanhope

When voters in Ward 2 of Algonquin Highlands received their voting kits they noticed the ballots, some 4,300 in all, asked them to pick one of the three councillor candidates for the ward.

Trouble was, Ward 2 had two councillor seats and voters were supposed to vote for two, not one.

An "emergency election" was called with a second round of ballots released and a new election date set for late November.

## Dorset firefighters quit en masse

Algonquin Highlands accepted the resignation of three of its firefighters over what was called an "internal personnel" issue.

It was later discovered the firefighters were quitting over an undisclosed dispute with the training officer.

## Minden physician writes letter concerning election

In early October, patients of Dr. Bennet Wu received letters from the physician about the municipal election endorsing reeve candidate Jim McMahon, deputy-reeve candidate Cheryl Murdoch and councillor candidate Lisa Schell.

A number of people were distressed over the letter, which they felt was inappropriate, including reeve candidate Barb Reid.

## County's size a challenge, minister says

On a tour of the county with local MPP Rick Johnson, Minister of Children and Youth Services Laurel Broten spoke with workers at Point in Time, the Children's Aid Society and the YWCA about the challenges in the community.

The primary concern she heard, was dealing with the vast spaces between service providers.



Highlands East firefighter Shawn Heasman, left, and fire chief Bill Wingrove survey the damage done to a residence in Wilberforce after it exploded on Oct. 20. The cause of the explosion has yet to be determined. /Angelica Blenich photo

## Man survives house explosion

Ted Procher, 67, managed to escape his Essonville Line home relatively unharmed after it exploded Oct. 20. He was alone inside the house when it happened.

He was released from hospital just a few days after the explosion. "I count my lucky stars. It was an experience," he told the *Echo*.

An investigation into the cause is still ongoing.

## Vision 2010 slate sweeps Minden election

All four members of the Vision 2010 Team won their seats in the Minden Hills election Oct. 25. Barb Reid became reeve; Brigitte Gall (Ward 1); Ken Redpath (Ward 2) and Larry Clarke as councillor at large. Also elected were Lisa Schell for Ward 1 (which has two seats); Jean Neville (Ward 3) and Cheryl Murdoch as deputy-reeve.

The election was an upset for long-time reeve Jim McMahon who lost by just more than 300 votes.

## Schultz defeats Griffin in Algonquin Highlands

Ward 3 was taken by newcomer Gary Schultz, who campaigned on change over incumbent Diane Griffin in the Oct. 25 municipal election. Carol Mofatt was acclaimed as reeve as was Gord Henderson for Ward 1 councillor.

## Brohman takes reins at school board

Former high school principal Gary Brohman won the public school board trustee position by 692 votes in a race that pitted two highly experienced, well-liked individuals against one another for a single seat. He defeated Valerie Smith, who had been the trustee for the county for a decade.

## Davis defends post

Despite the field of four candidates, the race for deputy-reeve came down to a choice between Janis Parker and incumbent Bill Davis. Parker lost by 321 votes to Davis with Jerry Walker and Martin Lacey in third and fourth respectively. Other councillors elected included Andrea Roberts for Ward 1, Dennis Casey for Ward 2, Steve Pogue for Ward 3, Susan Norcross for Ward 4 and Walt McKechnie for Ward 5.

## Newcomers dominate Highlands East election

There were some new faces after the Highlands East municipal election was over Oct. 25 with Joan Barton elected to Ward 4, Cecil Ryall in Ward 3 and Steve Kauffeldt in Ward 1. Reeve Dave Burton easily won his seat back over Jack Bartholomew and Suzanne Partridge was 236 votes ahead of her rival, Basil Cox.

## Hospitals crack down on smoking

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board decided on Oct. 28 to prohibit smoking on all of its property – from the buildings to the sidewalks, right to the edges of the lawn – beginning in 2012.

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# November 2010

## Bell gives 'significant' amount to Winterfest

The Ontario Senior Games has a new friend in Bell thanks to a fundraising announcement made on Nov. 15 by organizers of Winterfest 2011.

Bell was named the presenting sponsor of the games after committing a "significant," yet undisclosed, financial contribution and in-kind donations to the event, scheduled to take place throughout Haliburton County in February.



Larry Porter found a WWI medal in his backyard. /Jenn Watt photo.

## Man looks for family of WWI vet

Two feet under the earth of Larry Porter's backyard, a British War Medal from the First World War rested.

No one knows how long it was there, how it got there or whose it was. The name engraved was E.B. Lee, but none of the local Lees know who that is.

## Man survives minor propane furnace explosion

Rick Shank, 45, returned home to Haliburton after spending 10 days in intensive care in the burn unit at Sunnybrook Hospital following a minor explosion on Nov. 3.

The accident was the result of a flashback that hit Shank while lighting the pilot light of a propane furnace in the house adjoined with Bernstein's department store.

He was released from hospital Nov. 12, returning home to recover.

## Devolin backs firefighter tax credit

Volunteer firefighters deserve a tax credit for the work they do in rural Ontario, local MP Barry Devolin said at the Warden's Banquet Nov. 19.

He told the audience that getting better compensation for the work of firefighters is on the front burner for him and has good support in Ottawa.

## Harrison, McMahon honoured at Warden's Banquet

Jim McMahon and Eleanor Harrison were honoured by their peers and county staff workers for their long service to the Highlands at the Warden's Banquet Nov. 19.

Dysart reeve and fellow county councillor Murray Fearrey wished them well.

"I think Jim McMahon's been at the county table for 22 years and Eleanor's been there for 18. ... We're lucky in Haliburton County to have people make the commitments that these people have."

## Library success brings demand for staff

Board members of the Haliburton County Public Library said that the incredible success of the system means more staff is necessary.

"The staff is running at probably 110 per cent all the time. They work very, very hard," board member Nancy McLuskey.

The library surpassed the 100,000-circulation mark in late October, the previous year the circulation was just less than 80,000.

## Third party hired to solve Dorset fire hall dispute

The independent review of what caused members of the Dorset fire department to quit earlier in the fall was launched.

Fire professional Ted McCollough of North Bay was hired by the municipality Nov. 16 and began his investigation Nov. 22.

## Palliative care units considered

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is looking at the creation of a palliative care, hospice-type space at its Haliburton Village facility.

HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush told members of the board at its Nov. 25 meeting that increased palliative care space was something the county would need as its aging population continues to get older.

## Painter of Highlands passes away at 100

Doris McCarthy visited Haliburton often, painting with her good friend Ethel Curry. Her art still hangs at the Haliburton Hospital beside Curry's. She passed away Nov. 25 at the age of 100.

## Free dental clinic plan hatched

Dentist Bill Kerr and dental hygienist Lisa Stoughton motivated members of the community to launch a free clinic for low-income adults (and some children) in Haliburton Village.

A board was formed to manage the clinic with a spring opening predicted.

## Barry, Danielsen new Stanhope councillors

Lisa Barry and Liz Danielsen are the new councillors for Algonquin Highlands Ward 2, the former Stanhope township.

The pair beat out the township's retired chief administrative officer, Gerald Bain, in the Nov. 29 byelection in the ward.

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# December 2010



A salter truck lies in a ditch along Highway 118 after skidding off the road and taking out a hydro line on Dec. 2. /Angelica Blenich photo

## First snowfall claims 15 vehicles

There were 15 reports of motor vehicle collisions in the county after the first serious snowfall left behind 11 centimetres of snow on Dec. 1.

## Welfare cases up 6.5 per cent

The number of Ontario Works recipients is up again this year in Haliburton County with 6.5 per cent more cases in November, 2010, than November, 2009.

Supporting 438 individuals (through 263 OW cases), the need for social assistance payments has continued to rise even after the recession was declared over by economists.

## Minden Hills council swears in twice

On Dec. 6 the new Minden Hills council was sworn in publicly, though it was the second time the councillors had taken these oaths after being sworn in at a meeting on the morning of Dec. 1.

Reeve Barb Reid said the decision to push up the swearing in was made by township staff in the absence of chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison, in whom the powers of council had been vested until the inauguration Dec. 6.

## Crisis calls up at YWCA

Calls to the county's women's centre have been steadily increasing over the last three years from those looking for a way out of abusive situations, the YWCA said.

In the 2009/2010 fiscal year, the organization logged 624 calls from women in crisis or looking for support, up nine per cent from the year before.

## New deputy-reeve in Algonquin Highlands

Liz Danielsen was chosen as the deputy-reeve of Algonquin Highlands Dec. 14 by the new council. No other councillor expressed interest in the position.

## Women tip county's political scales

After Suzanne Partridge was chosen as deputy-reeve of Highlands East by her fellow councillors Dec. 14 (with no other candidate stepping forward), the composition of county council tipped to 63 per cent female.

County council now has two women from Minden (Barb Reid and Cheryl Murdoch), two from Algonquin Highlands (Carol Moffatt and Liz Danielsen) and one from Highlands East (Suzanne Partridge).

## Murray Fearrey Warden for 2011

Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey was chosen to be warden of Haliburton County in 2011 by the new county council Dec. 14.

This is the 10th time he has been warden in a career spanning nearly 40 years.

## Wigamog set to reopen in January

The New Wigamog Resort announced it would reopen in phases beginning January 2011. The resort had been closed for more than a year with very little public information about why it closed or when it would reopen.

Substantial renovations are ongoing.



The new county is, from left, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge and Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch. /Chad Ingram photo

## Council begins paying back \$1.3 million on runway

The new Algonquin Highlands council began mopping up the township's financial mess.

At their first regular meeting Dec. 16, councillors voted to pay off nearly \$700,000 of the nearly \$1.3 million debt acquired over the Stanhope Airport project.

They deferred a decision on the airport project seeking more information before deciding the project's fate.

All elected to council are critical, if not outright opposed to, a second runway.

## G20 trial begins for Haliburton man

Gary McCullough had a loaded crossbow in his car when he was arrested in downtown Toronto just days before the G20 Summit in June, national media reported.

On Dec. 20, his trial began revealing details about why police pulled him over and what he was carrying.

It continues in February.

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# Remembering 2010



Minden Hills firefighters were unable to save the home of Art Nye Jan. 29 when it went up in flames. Mark Steffensen, a neighbour of Nye's, snapped this photo and told the *Times* the firefighters did a great job containing the fire.



Jeff Brand of Minden catches some air while competing in the semi-pro class at the Amsoil Kawartha Cup Snow-cross event at the Lindsay Central Exhibition fairgrounds on Saturday, Jan. 23. Photo by Jason Bain/Lindsay Post.



OPP officers found more than \$1 million worth of marijuana outside Lochlin in September. /Chad Ingram photo



The concrete work on Minden Hills's new water tower was completed in early August. While the original estimated cost of the project was \$2.4 million, unanticipated increases in construction costs from the builder pushed that estimate up by \$1 million. The federal and provincial governments are paying two thirds of the initial cost and the township has so been able to make up \$250,000 of its estimated \$1 million shortfall. /Chad Ingram photo



Fire destroyed the top floor of the Irondale Store in March. /Chad Ingram photo





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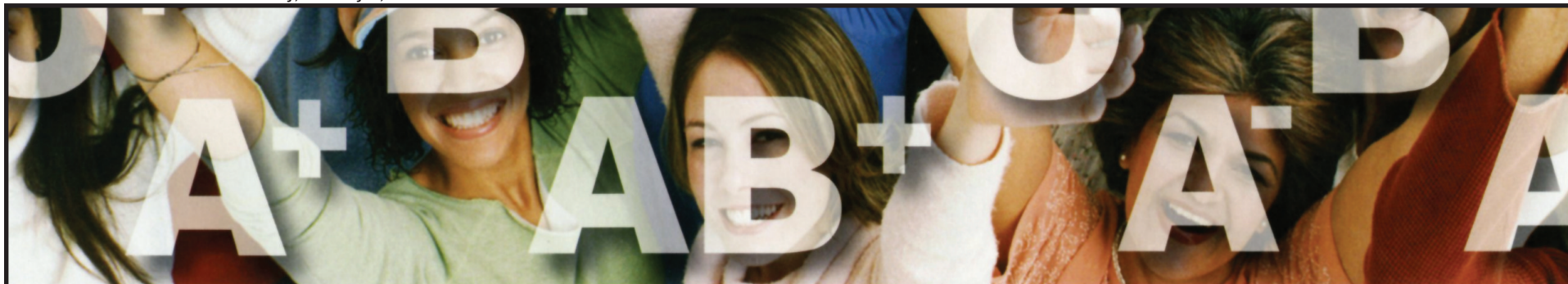
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# Activities galore in Dorset



**Melissa Alfano**  
Dorset News

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Happy New Year everyone!

Linda Smith will soon be starting up folk art classes again at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Mondays. Please call 766-9968 to confirm the details and to sign up.

The Dorset Book Club is meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at the Dorset Library at 1 p.m. All are welcome and a library card is not required. For more information, call the library at 766-9969.

Ladies' night at the Dorset Recreation Centre takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 5 starting at 7 p.m. and all ladies are welcome. The theme for the evening is spa night and will include learning how to make an avocado mask and facial, yoga demonstration with Allie Chisholm Smith of Ahimsa, massage demonstration with Jocelyn Smith of Ahimsa, light refreshments and more. The cost to participate is \$5 per person. Please call the recreation centre at 766-9968 to sign up or for more information.

If you would like a Good Food Box for January, your \$15 is due on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The food will be delivered to the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, Jan. 20. All are welcome to participate in this great pro-

gram. Call 766-9968 for details.

Yoga classes with Ingrid Bittner start up again on Wednesday, Jan. 12. There are two times to choose from, one at 10 a.m. and one at 5:30 p.m. (new time for the evening class). Three participants are needed for a class to run so please call ahead. Ingrid is offering a special New Year's Resolution deal and your first class is free to try. Call 766-9968 for more information.

Drumming classes resume on Monday, Jan. 10 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All are welcome, no experience is required to participate and drums are provided. Experience the benefits of drumming, self expression, creativity and play. The classes are led by Gillian Thomas of Rhythmic by Nature and take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per class or \$50 for four classes.

For more information about drumming, please contact Gillian at Gillian@rhythmicbynature.com or call 766-2323.

Birthday wishes for the weeks of Dec. 26 to Jan. 8 go out to Kyle Chatelain, Hailey Pulfrey, Rebecca Arbuckle, Larry Bradbury, John Clayton, Jordan Wilson, Alex Jordan and Ethan MacKay. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

# 2011 hits Kinmount



**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

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Is there a better way to spend New Year's Day than with good friends? Ours arrived mid-afternoon for an overnight stay and of course were subjected to the annual Christmas updates to our "rogues gallery." Photos are always favourite gifts and this year's calendar from granddaughter Emma, which included several from the production of *White Christmas*, was very special. The olive-wood tree ornaments hand made in Bethlehem and purchased during their recent cruise were shared with each family by David, Rita and Emma. It was deeply moving to hold this small symbol from the Holy Land until the somber sense of reverence was broken by Rita. She could no longer hold back that when out Christmas shopping there they were, the very same items complete with their authentic Bethlehem labels, on sale at the local Winners store.

My visiting friend and I share January birthdays. When I began knitting prayer shawls for our Kinmount United Church it was Dorothy who supplied the original pattern and accompanying verse. This year my gift from her was a beautiful book

*The Prayer Shawl Companion* complete not only with colourful patterns but the story behind how the ministry began with the making of shawls as "tangible symbols of love when words can't be found to adequately express one's feelings." If you would be interested in learning more let me know.

As in previous years the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace on the lower level of the community centre will be closed during the month of January. This will allow time for minor upgrades to the display and workroom areas. The marketplace will reopen on Feb. 4 with its regular winter schedule of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for tax-free shopping.

At the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount there will be another of the popular Country Music Jamboree events this Sunday, Jan. 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door and supper will be available at reasonable cost at \$5 for those who wish. The jamboree will feature the Hot Flashes and the Cold Shoulders so come out and enjoy.

Some changes at the Kinmount Public Library to note.

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## New year, new library schedule in effect

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The preschool story time has changed to Tuesday mornings at 11:15 am and the monthly book sale by the Friends of the Library held on the third Saturday of each month will match the revised hours running from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations of good used books, both hard and soft cover, are welcome for the sales and can be deposited into the marked receptacle at the branch at any time. The new craft program will be held on the third Tuesday of each month starting Jan. 18 at 5 p.m. and to celebrate Family Literacy Day there will be two play-based sessions on Jan. 27 at 11:15 a.m. and again at 5 pm. For information on programs please call the branch at 705-488-3199 and speak with librarian Mary Ann Dobsi.

The monthly big bucks bid euchre comes up for the first time in 2011 on the third Wednesday of the month (Jan. 19) at the Legion Branch 441 starting at 11 a.m. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Also at the branch on Tuesday, Jan. 22 its Lunch at the Legion from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at a cost of \$6.

# Report illegal smoking in workplaces, health unit says

The start of the new year means a crackdown on illegal smoking in local workplaces, and area residents are being asked to help extinguish the problem.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is reminding people in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County and Northumberland County that smoke-free workplaces are the law in Ontario.

Rather than put up with deadly second-hand smoke where they work, local residents are encouraged to report any illegal smoking activity to the Health Unit by calling toll-free at 1-866-888-4577.

All calls and complaints are confidential.

"A healthy, smoke-free workplace is your right . . . and your call," says Kris Kadwell, a Tobacco Control Officer with the HKPR District Health Unit.

"Not only is smoking a health hazard, it can also be a safety issue in your workplace. So if you see smoking in your workplace, report it."

Since May 2006, the Smoke-Free Ontario Act has banned smoking in all enclosed workplaces in Ontario.

This includes washrooms, lobbies, parking garages and any vehicles such as delivery trucks and taxis that are used by an employee.

In recent months, the Health Unit has investigated a number of cases in which smoking was reported in local workplaces.

In some cases, the smoking took place in the washroom or warehouse and, on occasion, the biggest offender was the boss or owner.

"No one is above the law, including a business owner," Kadwell adds. "If anything, bosses and managers should lead by example and set the tone to ensure their employees are protected from deadly second-hand smoke. Ultimately, bosses and managers are responsible for ensuring a workplace is smoke-free. If they don't do it, they could be charged and face paying a fine."

Second-hand smoke from cigarettes is a leading cause of death in Canada, and can result in other health problems.

Cigarettes contain 4,000 chemicals, at least 40 of which are known to cause cancer.

"We have health and safety laws to protect people from unsafe work environments where there are toxic chemicals," notes Lorne Jordan, a tobacco control officer with the HKPR District Health Unit.

"We also have a law that protects employees from toxic second-hand smoke, and we are asking people's help to ensure that workplaces respect and follow the rules."

Health unit staff can assist organizations in complying with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, but will also investigate complaints about smoking in workplaces.

Breaking the law can result in a \$305 fine for a first offence, with maximum fines for an individual or corporation being as high as \$5,000. In the past nine months, the health unit has laid six charges against local workplaces for allowing smoking in prohibited areas. For more information, call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visit [www.hkpr.on.ca](http://www.hkpr.on.ca) under 'What's New.'

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**Application deadline**  
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### Need Assistance with a Community Economic Development Project?

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# Have a healthier wallet in 2011 by following these resolutions

Of the top 10 New Year's resolutions, managing personal finances often emerges at the head of the pack.

If you're determined to get better control of your money matters in 2011, there's help to get you on track. Chartered Accountants Peter Brown, CA, CFP, CLU, in Niagara Falls and David Gowling, CA, CA CIRP, Senior Vice President of Herpers Chagani Gowling Inc. in Hamilton, offer seven tips to start the year off on the right foot and help you stay on the road to financial security.

**Pay down debt** – At roughly 20 per cent or more, credit card debt is a huge hurdle. Issuers are now required by law to tell you how long it will take to pay off the debt if only the minimum payment is made

each month, so read the fine print on your statements. Find out how much it's costing you to carry the balance on each of your cards. Then, choose your strategy. Gowling suggests you continue paying the minimum on all of them, and pay down as much as you can on the most expensive card first. When it's paid off, start on paying off the next highest, and so on. Brown prefers to build on success. He usually suggests people pay off the smallest debt first, mainly for the psychological boost it provides. Then, work your way up. He also recommends approaching the bank for a line of credit, which may allow you to consolidate debt, pay down all your bills faster, and at a much lower rate of interest.

**Make saving automatic** – Don't give yourself the chance to say "not this month." Set up a plan that automatically moves money from your chequing account into a savings vehicle every payday, before you have a chance to spend it. Or, sign up for one of the new debit card plans that automatically round your purchases up to the nearest dollar and deposit the difference in a savings account.

**Prepare a monthly household budget** – Know what it really costs your family to live its life, and to pay the bills - all the bills - each month. Summarize the payments from your chequing account for the last three months to see what you're spending, and pay particular attention to the number and amount of "cash" withdrawals.

**Take advantage of tax savings and tax deferral strategies** – The Canada Revenue Agency does offer some relief to ordinary taxpayers, and it's just common sense to get your share. When you set up that automatic savings plan, have the proceeds go to a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), a Tax Free Savings Account, or any number of other vehicles that allow you to pay less taxes while your money works for you.

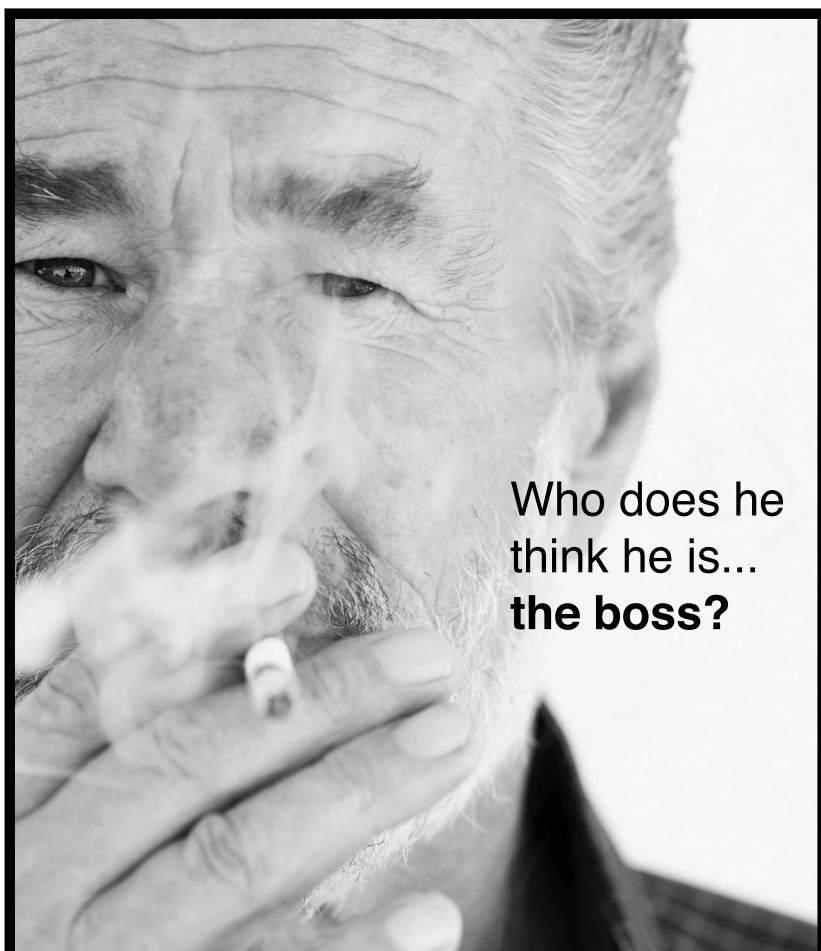
**Avoid credit traps** – Payday loans, don't-pay-for-a-year deals and other postponing plans are not your friends. You become embroiled in payments that go on

forever, on a treadmill you can't get off. Buy only what you can afford to pay for *now*. If you don't trust yourself to pay off your credit card bill in full each month, which can also be fully automated, pay cash.

**Make a plan for the future** – Any responsible approach to managing finances must include making a will, arranging for life insurance, planning for the care, support and education of children, and often much more. Take time to think these things through so proper written plans and arrangements can be made.

**Consult a qualified professional** – Whether it's help managing debt, or working with a financial planner to optimize your tax situation and plan for the future, the right kind of professional advice will often save you far more money than it will cost you in fees. In many cases, a first meeting with a Chartered Accountant, Credit Counselor or financial planner is free, so don't hesitate to consult one in your community for help with your personal finances.

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In front of the Christmas tree are elves Sylvia Sisson, Winnie Danilko, Donna Noel and Janet Donnery and standing is resident Mary Legere.

## A happy holiday at Hyland Crest

On Christmas day, there were several "elves" from the laundry and housekeeping department who went around and delivered presents to each resident. There was also a social hosted by the kitchen and activity department where family members could come and visit their relatives in a festive atmosphere. The event was well-attended.  
/Photos submitted by Lindsay Lester



Jean and Don Noble were all smiles as they celebrated another Christmas season together.



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# Minden Curling Club ends year with J.O. Jackson bonspiel

**Don Pflug**  
Special to the *Times*

This popular bonspiel, convened by Murray Cooper, is the final bonspiel of the year attracting teams from as far as Toronto. The 16 team event began in 1993 in honour of J. O. Jackson who was the Minden Curling Club's ice maker and member for many years.

The overall winners of the event and the J. O. Jackson Trophy was the team skipped by Alf Trotter, with Bob Pollard, third, Bob Walli, second, and Michael Walli, lead.

A close second place was the team skipped by Bruce Fisher who were the winners of the second draw.

Many thanks to Zelda Cooper and her team who kept the boys well fed.



Winners of the J.O. Jackson Trophy, from left to right were Michael Walli, Bob Walli, Bob Pollard and Alf Trotter. /Photo submitted

## Storm teams welcome 2011 with wins

### Highland Storm Atom A start year off right

It was a happy start to the new year for the Highland Storm Atom A team. On Sunday, Jan. 2 the Storm team went against the Huntsville Otters and took the game 8-4. The boys warmed up in the first period, built momentum in the second and dominated in the third. A tremendous game for Nolan Flood who found the openings and gave the Storm four goals. Kyle Cooper had a solid game and put in two and the other was scored by Josh Boice.

After weeks off-ice recuperating from knee surgery, Owen (Smitty) Smith was back in his usual form, contributing with a goal. An excellent effort from all the boys, with assists going to Owen Patterson Smith, Josh Boice, Lucas Hunter, Nolan Flood, Kyle Cooper and two to Lucas Haedicke. Practices are paying off as the Storm team showed great cohesiveness, passing, shooting and scoring. Great job boys!

There are two games remaining in the regular season and then the playoffs begin. The Storm team is off to Huntsville next weekend. Good Luck boys!

Highland Storm Atom A team is proudly sponsored by Dollo's Foodland.

*Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke*

### Atom AE steamroll Port Carling

Final scores: 8-2 win over Port Carling. C Final Champions in Lakefield Tournament

Next games: Sunday, Jan. 2 in Bracebridge, Thursday, January 6th in Bala against Gravenhurst and Sunday, Jan. 9 at 1:30 p.m. in Haliburton against Gravenhurst.

A couple of weeks off did nothing to dampen the energy of Floyd Hall Insurance's Atom AE's as the team rolled over a depleted Port Carling squad 8-2. A comfortable lead early on allowed the boys to work on their passing and they used the point to great effect. Noah Black and Trevor Turner each had four-point nights - Noah with a goal and three assists and Trevor with two goals and two assists. Other points were tallied by Matthew Manning who had two goals, Shawn Walker with a goal and two assists, Bo Stevenson and Ben Schmidt had a goal and assist each and Aidan Garbutt recorded an assist.

On Thursday, Jan. 30 the team travelled to Lakefield

for an A-level one-day tournament. The day started with an early morning match-up against the home team and although they started slowly, the squad continued to fight through a tough defense to make a game of it. In the end, Lakefield proved to be too much though and our boys lost 4-2. Ben Schmidt and Aidan Garbutt scored the goals and Cullen Johnston and Jesse Sisson added assists.

The second game against Colbourne was a frustrating affair as the boys couldn't seem to get their wheels rolling. This was a team they could have beaten on another day but instead came out on the losing end of a 3-0 score.

This set them up to battle for the C final against Deep River and finally the boys were able to come out on top, 4-2. Points were scored by Ryan Prentice and Shawn Walker who had a goal and an assist, Trevor Turner and Matthew Manning with one goal each and Alex Petrie, Cullen Johnston and Noah Black with assists.

Overall, the tournament was a great challenge for the boys and proved these boys can skate and compete at an A level - good work, boys!

*Submitted by Jon Petrie*

### The Minden Pharmasave Pee wee As defeated by Huntsville

The Minden Pharmasave Pee wee As skated very well during the game on Sunday in Haliburton. Jaydon Wood scored a hat trick and assists went to Brenden McKee with two and Ryan Hill and Chace Burden each with one. The boys play next Saturday against Port Carling.

*Submitted by Gord Wood*

### Midgets start 2011 with a bang

The Haliburton Timbr-Mart Storm Minor Midgets started off the new year with a bang! After dropping a pair of league games in late December to Port Carling and Huntsville, The Storm Minor Midgets took on the Sturgeon Lake Thunder in a friendly exhibition game on Sunday, Jan. 2 in Haliburton.

The Thunder are a newly amalgamated centre, drawing players from Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls.

The Storm dominated puck possession and with some great playmaking silenced the Thunder in an 8-3 victory. Kieran Poropat led the scoring for the Storm with five goals.

Donovan MacInnes and Taylor Rowbotham bagged a goal and an assist each. John Marc Penman scored a beauty wrap around goal. Big Jake Harrison added three assists with singles going to Tanner Hamilton, Mike Dack, Mike Nelson, Andrew Murray and Tyler Stamp. Storm netminder Darcy Schmidt made some great saves on the Thunder chances, solidifying the victory.

Awesome team effort! The Minor Midgets play their final regular season game on Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. in Minden against the Huntsville Otters. Come on out and support your local minor hockey teams!

*Submitted by Wade MacInnes*

### Bantam AE Storm hits Tweed

The Parker Pad and Printing Highland Storm Bantam AE team took part in a Christmas week tournament in Tweed.

They faced the home town Hawks in the first game and went down to defeat 4-2. Braden Roberts scored both goals for the Storm with Angus Sullivan and Lucas Esson drawing the assists.

In the second game they faced the Campbellford Colts. Once again they suffered a loss with 5-3 being the final score. Braden Roberts led the way with a goal and two assists, Sullivan and Esson each had a goal and assist, while Conner Gadway also had a helper.

Despite losing two games, based on goal differential, the Storm gained a berth in the B final versus the Central Hastings Grizzlies. The Storm saved their best effort of the day for the final game. The defensive corps of Connor Gadway, Loic Muli and Stuart Searle played almost flawlessly.

The Storm struck first at 3:31 of the second period when Mac Monk-Cray backhanded home a nice set up from Hunter Bishop and Gadway. Braden Roberts tallied at 5:37 of the third when he was sent in alone on a nice pass from Angus Sullivan. Logan Churko held the fort the rest of the way for the shutout and the B championship.

In regular season action on Dec. 28, the Bantams travelled to Lindsay to face the Muskies. In spite of a depleted lineup the Storm put up a robust effort against the top team in the league. Kirk Lopez had the best opportunity to score for the Storm but was hauled down on a breakaway, unfortunately no penalty shot was awarded and the Storm was unable to capitalize with a man advantage.

The final score was 3-0, bringing the Storm's record to six wins, four losses, and three ties.

*Submitted by Doug Sullivan*



# Goodbye 2010



**Gina Atkinson**  
Stanhope Life

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It's over! Another year came and went and we saw it go out with a bang!

It's been a few years since I saw a year roll over into the next but this year we went out and celebrated. Yes, we even got dressed up!

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Now, you know how I love my food, well I can tell you that this person has no complaints of the quality, selection or presentation of the buffet. Chef Michael had it all under control. The wait staff was courteous and professional.

Then there was the music - the Ya Babys, Craig Titus and Mark Christiano played songs that we know and love that kept the dance floor full.

When they weren't playing Rick Lowes of Canoe FM had dance favourites playing!

Yes, it was a fantastic night!

But the best part of all was the familiar faces, which is what it's all about! Sharing experiences with people you know and want to be around.

Have a great week!

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What's happening in the County

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• **January 12th : Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild Meeting.** 1 pm at St. Georges Anglican Church, Mountain St. Haliburton. Everyone Welcome. For more info call Sharon 286-1531

• **January 12 to 18th -- the Taoist Tai Chi Society TM is holding open houses in Haliburton,** Kinmount, Minden and Wilberforce to introduce the start of new classes. Taoist Tai Chi TM is a gentle form of exercise which can help you improve your strength, flexibility and balance. For more information, please call Wilma 457-1909 or visit [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)

• **January 13th: Leaders Prayer Breakfast** at the West Guilford Community Center at 8:30am. Join us as we pray for the leaders of our land. Tickets are \$12.50 and can be purchased at one of the following host churches: Lighthouse Pentacostal Church; St. George's Anglican Church; The Bridge Lakeside Baptist Church; Eagle Lake Community Church; West Guilford Baptist Church.

• **January 16th : Lochlin Community Center is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner.** Spaghetti and homemade meat sauces will be served with salad, roll and dessert. Adults\$10, Kids under 12 \$6, Children under 4 free. Seating available for 4:30 and 5:45 dinner. For reservations call Lethia at 286-1398. Please come and support our community.

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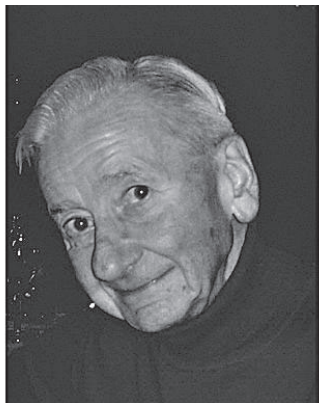
**Amanda Bull**

&

**Alan Clement**

*Wedding to take place 2012*

## Deaths



**HEGGART, Robert (Bob)** - Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Saturday, January 1, 2011 In his 75th year. Beloved husband of Wilma. Dear father of Beverly and her husband Dom of Sudbury, Janice of Smooth Rock falls, and Rob of Calgary. Loving grandpa of Marissa, Jordyn, Kayla, Robbie and Eva. Dear brother of Shirley of Kenora, brother-in-law of Dorothy, Vince and his wife Betty, and Marlene. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews and close friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Thursday, January 6, 2011 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm and then to the Zion United Church, Carnarvon for the Memorial Service at 2:00 pm. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), the Zion United Church or to SIRCH Hospice would be appreciated by the family. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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## In memoriam

### HAMILTON, Dawson

*In loving memory of Dawson  
who passed away  
January 10th, 2010.*



*Love Uncle G & Aunt Jackie  
Kolt Jenny & Hailey,  
Kody & Melissa*

You were a gift straight from heaven  
Given to us from God above.  
We didn't know how much  
you would teach us  
About the meaning of true love...  
For true love sometimes means letting go  
Of someone precious and dear.  
That is what we were forced to do...  
Although we wanted to keep you here!!  
However, this is quite a selfish wish.  
One we know we should ignore  
But, sweet Dawson, we truly do believe  
That God must have needed you more  
Perhaps to be Angel now  
Full of wisdom and love  
Watching over those who love you  
From the shining stars above.  
We miss you more that you could know  
You will never be replaced..  
In our hearts and memories forever.  
Will be your sweet and innocent face.

### We Thought Of You Today



*We thought of you today,  
But that is nothing new.  
We thought of you yesterday,  
And will tomorrow, too.  
We think of you in silence  
And make no outward show.  
For what it meant to lose you  
Only those who love you know.*

*Remembering you is easy,  
We do it everyday.  
It's the heartache of losing you  
That will never go away.*

In Loving Memory of Dawson  
Who Went To Heaven January 10<sup>th</sup> 2010

*Love Always Dad, Mom, Kevin,  
Tanner & Cayden*

## In memoriam

### Dawson Joseph Hamilton

*In loving memory of our  
Dear Grandson Dawson,  
who passed away January 10th, 2010.*

*We thought of you with love today,  
And days before that to.  
It's been a year without you,  
And nothing is the same.  
Days and nights you bore the pain,  
We prayed for a cure but all in vain.  
Your presence we miss,  
Your memory we treasure  
Loving you always and Forgetting you never  
Gramma & Grandpa Hamilton  
He will remain in our hearts forever.*

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*Dawson always at full throttle  
that toddler didn't walk, he ran.  
As he grew older he turned into  
such a rough and tough little man.  
A true boy, he loved bikes, dirt, trucks  
and hockey and would do anything to like  
Tanner, Kolt and Kody.  
Then when the older boys weren't looking  
he'd climb up your knee  
That sweet little child not quite as tough  
as he always pretended to be.  
When the unthinkable happened  
that little boy took it all in stride.  
His father Scot doing all he could  
to always be by his side.  
Family and friends rallied around,  
a community came together.  
Everyone wanting to do all they could  
for Scot, Tanner and Heather.  
That little boy fought with all he had  
a true fighter, he wasn't going to quit.  
Enduring endless tests and treatments,  
and proud to show the beads to prove it.  
Then the day came, God intervened  
that little boy had suffered enough  
He took him with love and caring hands  
and told him he no longer had to be tough.  
In such a short life he touched  
So many people, it seems,  
A true testimony to his family who  
did all they could to fulfill his dreams.  
Scot, Tanner, Heather and Cayden,  
aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents too,  
on the anniversary of your great loss  
our hearts ache and we cry especially for you.  
We will always remember that delivish smile  
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## In memoriam

**HAMILTON, Dawson** - In loving memory of Dawson who passed January 10th, 2010.

It's so strange that those we need  
And those we love the best,  
Are just the ones God called away  
And took them home to rest,  
But every time we think of Dawson,  
We seem to hear God say,  
Have faith and trust my promise,  
You'll meet again someday.

We love you and miss you, Dawson.  
Aunt Jill, Uncle Dean, Jordan and Jenna.

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**MCKELVEY, Rhoda** - In loving memory of a dear mother who passed January 9th, 2004.

You can only have one Mother,  
Patient, kind and true,  
No other friend in all the world,  
Will be so true to you.  
For all her loving kindness,  
She asked nothing in return,  
If all the world deserted you,  
To our Mother we could turn.  
To those who have a Mother,  
Treasure her with care,  
For you'll never know her value,  
Till you see her vacant chair.

Always loved and never forgotten  
Sharon, Linda, Kathy, Wendy and Families.

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# Going car shopping?



## Woman on Wheels

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Space, comfort and convenience are the three criteria probably at the top of the list of in-vehicle desires for most kids, even those too young to articulate them. But since Mom and Dad sign the cheques, value and safety are up there too. And let's not forget some enjoyment behind the wheel.

With all that in mind, here is our entirely subjective list of 10 vehicles your family will love.

### Volvo V50 (\$35,495-\$38,495)

Nothing says "safe" like a Volvo, but these days, they're also lovely to drive and (dare we say it?) stylish to boot. The V50 offers a turbocharged five-cylinder engine to keep the driver amused, and the safety features you're counting on: ABS, EBD, emergency brake assistance, dynamic stability and traction control, and a bunch of airbags. It's a roomy wagon with seating for five, and the kids will like the front seatback pockets for their goodies. Interior materials are tested for contact allergies, and they're 85 per cent recyclable, which the kids will appreciate someday.

### Dodge Grand Caravan (\$27,995-\$33,995)

Don't let the segment scare you. Dodge's Stow 'n Go seating (now with more comfort!) is still arguably one of the niftiest family features ever to come down the assembly line, but the 2011 Grand Caravan has some new moves too, with ample safety features such as a Rear Cross Path detection system and blind-spot monitoring. A new "super" centre console offers pass-through storage for larger items and nifty glowing trim rings. The Stow 'n Place roof rack lets owners stow the roof boxes when not in use for better aerodynamics.

### Nissan Quest (est. \$30,000-\$40,000)

It's a whole new Quest for 2011, with a complete overhaul inside and out. Family-friendly features abound, with dual opening glass moonroofs, one-touch power sliding side doors, second-row power windows, covered permanent rear storage well, conversation mirror, second and third-row theatre-styling seating, low step-in height and available 11-inch colour monitor. Six cupholders and eight bottle-holders come standard.

### Honda Odyssey (\$29,990-\$46,990)

Ask 10 auto journalists which minivan drives the best, and nine of them will say Odyssey. (The other one will smirk and walk away in disgust.) The Odyssey gets an overhaul for 2011 too. Features that got it on the list include seating for eight (seven in LX); five latch positions for child restraint seats (four on LX, and Heaven help you if you need them all); available rear 16.2-inch ultrawide split-screen display; cool box to keep the bevies frosty (EX-L and above) and removable front floor console and flip-up trash bag ring (EX and above).

### Ford Flex (\$29,999-\$49,599)

A three-row, full-size crossover with personality, the Flex offers optional AWD, the nifty Sync infotainment system and a refrigerated console mounted between the sec-

ond-row captain's chairs. It uses a Personal Safety System to tailor airbag and seatbelt functions to individual passengers and also features active park assist, pull-drift compensation, rearview camera and persistent "Belt-Minder" chime. Plus, it looks really cool.

### Subaru Outback (\$28,995-\$40,795)

Sporty families will love Subaru's excellent symmetrical all-wheel drive (no chance of missing the big game due to snow!) as well as an easily accessible roof-rack system (which uses built-in, swing-out crossbars to load up your bikes, skis, kayaks and whatnot), lots of safety features and room for five. Tech-savvy kids will appreciate Bluetooth connectivity and MediaHub with USB input that charges your iPod and lets you select your tunes through the car audio controls. They've redesigned the rear suspension for more useable space, plus it's got a cargo cover, under-floor storage, tie-down hooks and a power outlet back there.

### Mazda5 (\$21,795-\$24,395)

A nifty alternative to minivans and hulking seven-passenger SUVs, the Mazda5 offers a completely redesigned 2012 model with a new 2.5-litre four-cylinder that promises decent fuel economy and 157 horses. Ergo, no 2011 model. Its comparatively compact size makes it a great urban choice. It features second-row captain's chairs that slide and recline and a 50/50-split third row. There's still a wee bit of storage behind the third row (426L with it folded flat) Mazda says will accommodate a baby stroller.

### Chevrolet Traverse (\$35,715-\$50,540)

Traverse offers a SmartSlide feature for easy access to the third-row seats, rear-seat entertainment with second-row controls (yay!) and seating for up to eight. It's got a power rear liftgate and lots of safety features, including StabiliTrak electronic stability control with rollover mitigation, panic brake assist, traction control, six standard airbags and OnStar.

### Dodge Caliber (\$14,595-\$21,995)

The cheap and cheerful Caliber has a lot to offer budget-conscious families, with standard side-curtain airbags, Chill Zone cooled-beverage storage bin, Uconnect phone with voice command, iPod control, Sirius satellite radio, remote keyless entry and good fuel economy as low as 6.3 L/100 km (highway, when fitted with the 2.0-litre engine).

### Hyundai Equus (\$62,999-\$69,999)

If you want to squeeze all the value you can out of a decent budget, Hyundai's new flagship offers creature comforts galore, and a backseat that will make your rug rats feel like royalty. Its very long list of standard features includes the safety-oriented (vehicle stability management with pre-collision warning, nine airbags, lane departure warning, smart cruise control, parking assistance with rear-view camera) and the convenience-oriented (rear side-window sunshades, power trunk lid, power reclining, heated rear seats). The "Ultimate" trim level adds leg support and massage system to the first-class passenger-side rear seat, cooled rear seats, rear-seat entertainment system and thermoelectric rear centre console refrigerator. But then you'd have to call your kid "Sir."

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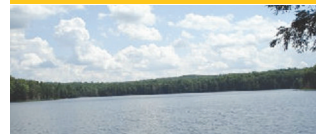
**Chalet Home w/5 acres! \$233,900**



Chalet home on private 5 acres with hardwood bush, Clear Lake swimming down the road, hot tub, basement level separate living quarters (not retrofitted) and pool. Great cottage/home!

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

**West Lake**



Two adjacent waterfront lots, easy year round access via township road, close to village of Haliburton and all amenities, great trees, super lake, terrific home or cottage sites. \$199,000. and \$195,000.

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**2000' on Irondale River \$198,000**



Minutes from Kinmount, this 3 bedroom year round cottage is fully furnished, including new appliances. New two car garage, with pedal boat, canoe and snowmobile. Very attractive property.

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**Level Building Lot \$14,000**



Level building lot on well maintained municipal road. 10 minutes to Haliburton or Minden. Lot needs a little fill but is level to road - easy to put in a driveway, partially cleared. 10 minutes to many great lakes for fishing.

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**Haliburton Building Lot \$55,000**



Very Large (5.8 acres), private building lot offer great access of Hwy 118. Situated just on the edge of town the entrance is installed and hydro, phone & high speed internet is at the lot line. Several building sites to choose from.

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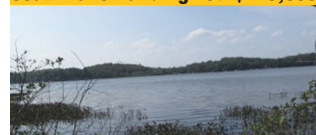
**Water Access Acreage \$39,900**



9 acre building lot with view over South Lake. Deeded access via ROW to lake. Great place to build your dream home!

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**South Lake Building Lot \$275,000**



Wow! 390' of waterfront on 2 acre level lot. N/W exposure for those great summer sunsets. Just minutes from Minden. Owner will even build to suit. Buy now and start building in the spring.

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Great building lot with public water access just across the road. Fabulous views plus swimming and boating on prestigious Kashagawigamog Lake chain. Lot is nicely wooded and gently sloped suitable for building sites.

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Brand new upscale condominium homes on the shores of South Lake. Choose your own finishing touches. Book your visit to see these beautifully finished homes. Only 2 left. Act now!

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**Four Season Retreat \$314,000**



Wonderful 3 bedroom features 3 bathrooms and a walk-out basement. Large southern exposure waterfrontage has access into a 3-lake chain.

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**Residential/Industrial \$550,000**



Uniquely zoned in-town property allows for residential with home industry. Beautiful two bedroom residence plus five-bay garage on six acres close to Haliburton.

Deborah Deremo 457-2128 x 58



Bright, charming, 4 season, 3 BR cottage/home on dbl lot with great deeded access to Negaunee Lake. Many upgrades including roof, kitchen & bath. Drilled well and septic, easy yr rnd mun. rd. access.

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33

**Renovated Minden Home \$189,900**



Three bedroom extensively renovated in town home with country charm. Large one acre lot with fenced rear yard. Single garage and two small barns for workshop/studio/storage. Close to all amenities.

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**Little Hawk Lake \$299,000**



Boat Little & Big Hawk Lakes from this beautiful completely furnished cottage also comes with a 2 bedroom bunkie, chalet & workshop. Bonus - 4 boats & 2 canoes!

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**Deeded Waterfront Lot \$28,500**



Year round with hydro and telephone. Benefits of waterfront ownership without the large price tag. Excellent fishing and swimming on Wenona Lake..

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**The Quarry - \$319,900**



Another elegant 2-storey custom home, 1826 square feet, to be built on Lot 9; maintenance free exterior, geothermal, stonework optional, Plus HST.

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**Great Building Lot \$38,800**



Great 2.4 acre building lot. Close to town. Driveway in. Cleared area ready for your new home. Hydro already on the property. Beautiful reforested pines

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**Cranberry Lake \$379,900**



Fantastic opportunity minutes from the ski hill. This 3+1 bdrm waterfront home/cottage oozes comfort and charm. Open concept, vaulted ceilings, spa room, screened room, finished rec. room, double car garage and more. Call for further details.

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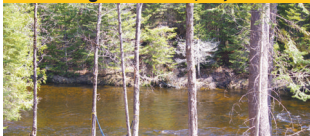
**Billings Lake Point Lot \$269,000**



This Point Lot provides wonderful privacy on .68 Acre with 550 Ft frontage. Multiple exposures with cozy 3 bedroom original cottage close to water. Just move right in!!

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**Drag River Lot \$79,900**



Beautiful secluded 2.8 acre lot with over 240 ft frontage on the Drag River. Driveway in, building lot cleared, minutes to Minden or Haliburton.

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**2 Bedroom Bungalow \$149,900**



Maintenance free vinyl clad exterior siding and windows, large living room, Kitchen/Dinette with newer cabinets & patio door out to large deck. Full high unfinished basement. Immediate possession.

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

**Beautiful Cedar Lake \$329,000**



This terrific 2+ bedroom cottage features 2 bathrooms and a main floor laundry on a great level lot with easy access and wonderful sunset views.

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